

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
May 19, 2011
1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Michael Annable, Dr. Arthur Edison, Dr. Christopher Janiszewski, Dr. Michael Marsiske, Dr. Craig Osenberg, Dr. Joyce Stechmiller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Virginia Dodd, Dr. Peter Hansen, Dr. Maureen Keller-Wood, Dr. Lisa McElwee-White, Dr. Leslie Odom, Dr. Leonardo Villalón, Mr. Ryan Gross (GSC), Mr. Matthew Vernon (GSC alt)

GUESTS PRESENT: Mr. Richard Bryant (Admissions), Ms. Mary Ann Hagler (Registrar), Dr. Wayne McCormack (Medicine), Dr. Edward Schaefer (Fine Arts), Dr. Ian Tebbett (Pharmacy)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Karen Bradley (recording), Dr. Laurence Alexander, Ms. Rimjhim Banerjee, Ms. Gann Enholm, Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Minutes from the April 21, 2011 Graduate Council meeting.** Approved: unanimously.
2. **Proposal from The School of Art & Art History in the College of Fine Arts for a non-thesis option for the MA in Art Education.** Dr. Edward Schaefer was present for questions. The proposal was based on the premise that written thesis degrees are not always suitable for performance-based disciplines in the College of Fine Arts. This proposal will give students a non-thesis option by completing a project in the capstone course, in addition to the current option of project-in-lieu-of-thesis. Graduate Council requires Master's students to pass a comprehensive evaluation, which is overseen by graduate faculty members. Council had concerns about the actual role of graduate faculty in the whole program and in particular the capstone course that is outlined in this proposal. Motion: approved unanimously with the condition that the college submit a memo to the Graduate School Dean explaining how the capstone course includes input from the graduate faculty. This information will be included in the official program file. Effective date: Spring 2012.
3. **Proposal for a new interdisciplinary concentration in Clinical & Translational Science.** Dr. Wayne McCormack presented the overview. UF received an NIH Clinical & Translational Science Award (CTSA), which includes a number of training components for pre-and post-doctoral students, medical fellows, and clinical research coordinators. This proposal would create a mechanism to permit graduate students to receive training in clinical research efforts, and gives a value-added formal recognition to these additional studies. For example, students will be involved with the IRB submission and approval process, as well as learn additional research methodologies that are required specifically for clinical and translational research. As part of the concentration requirements, students must identify two mentors: one basic science and one clinical, and their research must include patient oriented and/or epidemiological research. The certificate requirements can be met through coursework, but a formal co-mentor is not required. There could be some overlap in the curriculum to satisfy both the major and the concentration/certificate. The question was asked about how students

will be evaluated for the concentration or certificate if the research never reaches the stage of human or sample testing. The goal of the CTSA is to effectively marry bench and bedside research. If the research project will not reach the human/sample stage, the student will receive a certificate rather than the concentration. Using concentrations/certificates for advancement in medical research is not currently common; the student will have the concentration/certificate on their transcript as a way to specifically recognize this additional training. The Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute is actively supported by the university as a long-term effort. The expectation is that its programs will continue beyond the life of this particular grant. The items in the Graduate School comments letter will be addressed in written form to the Graduate School Dean and be included as part of the official program file. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2011.

4. **Proposal for a new concentration in Clinical Toxicology.** Dr. Ian Tebbett gave an overview of the proposal. This proposal is another in the series of concentrations for the College of Pharmacy's multiple online programs. Student feedback in the Forensic Toxicology program has indicated the need for this particular concentration for emergency room personnel, first responders, and other clinically active professionals. The final comprehensive examination is required to be taken onsite in Gainesville, and will be overseen by the graduate faculty. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2011, pending approval from the university distance-education committee.
5. **Proposal to terminate the Master of Health Science Program.** Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt explained that this program has not had students enrolled in it for several years and the college and program requested that it be closed. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: pending all other approvals - faculty senate, Board of Trustees, and Board of Governors.

II. DISCUSSION ITEM

Certificate program tracking. Dr. Ken Gerhardt briefed Council on this new policy. In April, the Provost sent the memo to all colleges that SACS and the BOG want the university to formally approve certificates, which will now be posted to the transcript. Before graduate level certificates can be posted to the student's transcript they must first be approved by the Graduate Council. The University Curriculum Committee will be responsible for approving undergraduate and professional certificates. Guidelines for formalizing and tracking certificates are being developed. Dr. Gerhardt hopes that in early Fall, the Graduate Council will determine the minimum requirements for graduate certificates. We have until December 2012 to complete this requirement.

III. INFORMATION ITEM

Announcement of the new Graduate Council members. Dr. Frierson announced that Dr. Andrea Behrman, College of Public Health and Health Professions, and Dr. Carole Kimberlin, College of Pharmacy, were the two representative elected by the graduate faculty for 2011-2012. The Provost will appoint two additional members to the Graduate Council for the coming academic year.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 16, 2011 - optional