

**MINUTES  
GRADUATE COUNCIL  
December 15, 2011  
1:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Michael Annable, Dr. Andrea Behrman, Dr. Virginia Dodd, Dr. Arthur Edison, Dr. Mary Ann Ferguson, Dr. Peter Hansen, Dr. Carole Kimberlin, Dr. Lisa McElwee-White, Ms. Nancy Parish (GSC), Dr. Joyce Stechmiller, Dr. Robert Westin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Craig Osenberg, Dr. Leonardo Villalón

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Mary Ann Hagler (Registrar), Dr. Mark Law (Engineering)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Karen Bradley (recording), Dr. Laurence Alexander, Ms. Gann Enholm, Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Mr. Matthew Mitterko, Ms. Stacy Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 P.M.

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Minutes from the November 17, 2011 Graduate Council meeting.** Approved unanimously.
  
2. **Proposal to sunset the following Engineer's degrees in:**
  - a) **Agricultural and Biological Engineering**
  - b) **Computer Engineering**
  - c) **Aerospace Engineering**
  - d) **Environmental Engineering**
  - e) **Nuclear Engineering**
  - f) **Mechanical Engineering**
  - g) **Materials Science and Engineering**
  - h) **Electrical Engineering**

Dr. Mark Law presented the proposal. The Engineer degree was the terminal degree for the profession prior to WWII. After WWII, the PhD became the terminal degree for engineering. This proposal eliminates the Engineer degree for the above disciplines. The PhD remains. The Master of Science remains. There are not any students in the Engineer degree programs at this time. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: as soon as all other approvals obtained.

3. **Proposal to sunset the concentration in Midwifery.** Dr. Joyce Stechmiller was available for questions, but none were asked. Motion: approved unanimously.  
Effective date: as soon as all other approvals obtained.

**The meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm.**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 19, 2012**