

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
February 16, 2012
1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Chair; Dr. Andrea Behrman, Dr. Virginia Dodd, Dr. Peter Hansen, Dr. Lisa McElwee-White, Dr. Craig Osenberg, Ms. Nancy Parish (GSC), Dr. Joyce Stechmiller, Dr. Leonardo Villalón, Dr. Robert Westin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Michael Annable, Dr. Arthur Edison, Dr. Mary Ann Ferguson, Dr. Carole Kimberlin

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Reginald Frye (College of Pharmacy), Ms. Mary Ann Hagler (Registrar), Ms. Susan Horkey (College of Medicine), Dr. Taimour Langae (College of Pharmacy), Dr. Jeanne Repetto (College of Education), Dr. Mark Rieger (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences), Dr. Cirecie West-Olatunju (College of Education), Dr. Michael Wiegold (College of Journalism and Communications), Dr. Glenn Willumson (College of Fine Arts)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Karen Bradley (recording), Dr. Laurence Alexander, Ms. Rimjhim Banerjee, Ms. Gann Enholm, Dr. Emilia Hodge, Mr. Matthew Mitterko, Ms. Stacy Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 P.M.

I. ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Minutes from the January 19, 2012 Graduate Council meeting.** Approved unanimously.
- 2. Proposal for a certificate in Web Design and Online Communication.** Dr. Michael Weigold presented the proposal. This Spring, the college launched a 37 credits masters' degree via distance technology. A large number of students from many different disciplines also want this information but not as a degree program. The certificate is comprised of the 4 core courses of the master's program. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Summer 2012.
- 3. Proposal for a certificate in Museum Studies.** Dr. Glenn Willumson presented the proposal. The college has had a 48 credits master's degree in Museology/Museum Studies since 1999. There have been an increasing number of graduate students from other disciplines who want formal acknowledgement of their work in museology. The classes exist on campus. The internship is off-campus. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2012.

- 4. Proposal for a certificate in Healthy Transitions: Education – Healthcare Transition.** Dr. Jeanne Repetto and Ms. Susan Horky presented the proposal. This is a unique concept designed to bridge the interface between two different disciplines (education and healthcare) that both deal with transition in adolescents and young adults. Each discipline has a subspecialty called Transition. The certificate is housed in the Department of Special Education, and consists of 4 courses, delivered online. The specific courses are currently in the Graduate Curriculum Committee queue for review. It is anticipated that participants will include both healthcare providers and educators, coming from internal and external sources. The proposal was verbally amended by the presenters to include a name change to “Certificate in Education and Health Care Transition”. Motion: approved unanimously with the change in name. Effective date: Spring 2012.
- 5. Proposal for a certificate in Disaster Mental Health Counseling.** Dr. Cirecie West-Olatunju presented the proposal. The need for this type of program arises from accreditation criteria for counselor education to attain competence in disaster mental health counseling. UF’s Counselor Education program is nationally recognized, and this certificate program would be the first of its kind. The target audience consists of working licensed mental health professionals and first responders. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Summer 2012.
- 6. Proposal for a Clinical Pharmaceutical Sciences concentration.** Dr. Reginald Frye and Dr. Taimour Langaee presented the proposal. For several years, this curriculum has existed as a track for the PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences. The department has increased the curricular offerings to provide students with information about clinical research. The concentration is applicable only for Pharmacy PhD students. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2012.
- 7. Proposal for a concentration in Agroecology for the master’s programs in Agronomy and Soil and Water Science.** Dr. Mark Rieger presented the proposal. This concentration will be part of a self-funded master’s program that works at the nexus of agriculture and sustainability. The target audience is working professionals, although on-campus students would also be able to participate. The concentration will be recognized by the two majors. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 15, 2012