

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
April 19, 2012
1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Chair; Dr. Michael Annable, Dr. Andrea Behrman, Dr. Virginia Dodd, Dr. Carole Kimberlin, Dr. Lisa McElwee-White, Ms. Nancy Parish (GSC)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Arthur Edison, Dr. Mary Ann Ferguson, Dr. Peter Hansen, Dr. Craig Osenberg, Dr. Joyce Stechmiller, Dr. Leonardo Villalón, Dr. Robert Westin

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Bill Bauer (College of Fine Arts), Mr. Rick Bryant (Admissions), Dr. Suzy Colvin (College of Education), Prof. Pedro Malavet (College of Law), Mr. Steve Pritz (Registrar), Dr. Ed Schaefer (College of Fine Arts)

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 P.M.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. Minutes from the March 15, 2012 Graduate Council meeting. Approved unanimously.

2. Proposal from the College of Fine Arts for updates to the curriculum of the Master of Music in Music Education. Dr. Bill Bauer from the music faculty presented the proposal. The curriculum was revised to bring it up-to-date and reflect current topics. A focus is world music and cultures, and how to apply this knowledge and information for K-12 students. The final project is currently 2-4 credits and will be standardized to 3 credits. There will be 9 elective credits required (the proposal material says 6-9 credits; this change will be reflected in the official program file). The external accrediting agency recently re-affirmed the accreditation. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2012.

3. Proposal from the College of Fine Arts for a non-thesis option for the Master of Music in Music Education. Dr. Edward Schaefer explained that this degree program is for educators in the field. The thesis degree (or project in lieu of thesis) is relevant only if the person continues into a PhD. Most of the students are not pursuing a research oriented project. A non-thesis option aligns the degree with practice. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2012.

4. Proposal from the College of Education for a 3-credit hour reduction in the program Elementary Education, Master of Education degree. Dr. Suzanne Colvin explained that

the program has undergone a re-design. The curriculum needs to follow accreditation trends; NCATE has increased the requirements for more work in the field so that theory will be more rapidly implemented. The faculty revised the curriculum to include more online offerings to complement the field work. After revision, the program required 36 credit hours. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2012.

5. Proposal for a revision of the LL.M. in Comparative Law. Professor Pedro Malavet explained that the revisions are a direct result of a Fall curriculum review by the faculty. The program is 26 credits. The minimum number of credits from graduate level coursework will be 4, with a maximum of 8 credits from graduate level coursework. The 4-8 credits will be a mix of required and elective courses, based on the student's knowledge base of American law. The students must have earned a law degree from another country, or from U.S. law schools that teach in a language other than English, but do not necessarily have to be practicing law. Most of the students return to their home country, and some take the bar exam in a U.S. state that allows foreign graduates with an LL.M. to sit for the bar. The program now requires all students to be physically present on campus for the entire program. The detailed program description approved by the College of Law will be included in the Graduate School program file. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Summer 2012.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Dr. Gerhardt announced that Dr. Ellen Martin and Dr. Heather McAuslane are the two newly elected members to the Graduate Council for a three year appointment. The Provost will appoint two other faculty for a total of 4 new Graduate Council members for Fall 2012.

2. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences entered into an agreement with Nankai University to support up to 15 undergraduate students per year in selected combined degree programs in the college. The "3+1+1 program" will link the undergraduate degree from Nankai University with a graduate degree from UF. These students will complete their fourth year of UG study at UF and then apply for admission into one of a limited number of graduate programs for the final year of the Master's degree. This program is a variation on combined degrees, which have been in place many years.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 17, 2012