

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
November 26, 2002  
Pending Approval

Meeting convened at 3:02 –Dean Atlas presiding.

Members present: Carlton Hornung, Ruth Huber, Waldemar Karwowski, Bruce Kemelgor, Carolyn Klinge, Stephen Looney, Henry Luka, Dismas Masolo, Suzanne Meeks, Peter Meyer, William Pierce, Joseph Steffen, Grant Taylor, Deborah Voltz and William Wead.

Ex Officio: Ronald Atlas and Richard Stremel.

Members Absent: John Firriolo, Susan Griffin, Vicki Hines-Martin, Phyllis Metcalf-Turner, Ron Sahoo and James Wittliff.

Guests: None.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the October 22, 2002 meeting of Graduate Council.  
MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the September meeting. Moved by Joe Steffen and seconded by Ruth Huber.  
PASSED.
  
2. Report of the Curriculum Committee.
  - Proposal for an Accelerated M.S. in Physics  
Council considered the report of the Curriculum Committee on the revised proposal for an accelerated M.S. in Physics. The program responded to Council's concerns from the previous meeting and raised the GPA requirements for entry into the program. Both overall and major GPA now set at 3.35.  
MOTION: To approve the Committee's recommendation for approval of the Proposal for an Accelerated M.S. in Physics.  
PASSED.
  
  - Proposed Changes for the M.A. in Psychology  
The Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences proposed an addition of a non-thesis Master's to their already existing thesis track. The non-thesis degree would substitute additional coursework for a Master's research portfolio. These non-degree students would have the same requirements as the research track students except for this change.  
MOTION: To approve the Committee's recommendation for approval of the Proposed M.A. in Psychology Curriculum change.  
PASSED.
  
3. Report of the Membership Committee  
Dr. Steffen presented the report for the Committee.

The following individuals were reviewed by the Membership Committee and were recommended as **Members of the Graduate Faculty**:

- Christine S. Ritchie, M.D., *Department of Medicine*, School of Medicine.
- Manabendra N. Das, Ph.D., *Department of Mathematics*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Namok Choi, Ph.D., *Department of Leadership, Foundations, & Human Resource Education*, College of Education and Human Development.
- Gregory S. Hutcheson, Ph.D., *Department of Classical % Modern Languages*, College of Arts and Sciences.

MOTION: To approve the recommendations of the Membership Committee.

PASSED.

4. Candidates for Degree

MOTION: To approve the list of candidates for degree at the December Commencement pending completion of all degree requirements. Motion made by Ruth Huber and seconded by Henry Luka.

PASSED.

5. Graduate School Awards and Honors at the December Commencement

Based upon the recommendations of the Graduate Faculty and the Scholarship Committee of the Graduate Council the following students will be recognized at the December Commencement:

Guy Stevenson Award – Thomas M. Vondriska, Department of Physiology & Biophysics

John Richard Binford Memorial Award – Becky F. Antle, Kent School of Social Work

John M. Houchens Prize – Mark P. Wachowiak, Computer Science & Engineering

Alice Eaves Barns Award – Lino K. Korath, Chemical Engineering

The Graduate Dean's Citation -

Becky Freeman Antle

Haydee N. Canovas

Hari Chandrasekaran

Kimberly Phyllis Clayton-Code

Larry S. Ennis

Teressa Lynn Jackson

Heather Wilson Kemp

Lino K. Korah

Douglas John Lorenz

Amber Brooks Miller

Kathryn Hopkins Moran

William Phillip Neace

Ming-Tsuey Ni

Denise Michelle Polnisch

David Wayne Powell

Cynthia Lee Roberts

Savvakis Georgiou Savva

Katina Lynniece Wilbon Shine

Scott Alan Smith

Renata Smolikova

David M. Vogel

Thomas Martin Vondriska

Mark Paul Wachowiak

Thomas Hilliard Zehnder

6. Discussion of GRE Changes

Associate Dean Stremel reminded Council that as of October of this year the GRE would not offer the Analytical Reasoning component of the General GRE exam and thus only two scores, those for Verbal and Quantitative Reasoning will be reported. The Analytical Reasoning has been replaced by an Analytical Writing assessment which will be scored on a scale of 0-6. The V and Q sections will remain scored on the 200-800 scale. This change may force programs to reassess their use of GRE Scores for admission. All program directors are encouraged to visit the GRE website for additional information. If [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org) is accessed from a University-based computer, you will enter the GRE for Educators page. This is a most useful site. GRE has indicated that if the student takes the written exam online, there will be no delay in reporting scores relative to previous exams.

Council will continue to discuss the GRE's and how they are used as admission criterion within graduate programs.

7. Discussion of Credential Evaluation

Council began a discussion of the use of a credential evaluation service for foreign applications. It is becoming increasingly difficult to evaluate credentials from foreign institutions that are provided in a foreign language. Typically the programs do not have the expertise to translate or evaluate and are often forced to accept unknown third party translations. The Graduate School is investigating the use of a credential evaluation service. These services are for a fee (typically \$75) and would be the responsibility of the applicant. The consequence of such an additional fee on application numbers is being determined. Council will consider this issue again at a later meeting.

8. Discussion of VISION\*FOCUS\*ACTION Document

Dean Atlas highlighted the issues relevant to the Graduate School contained in the V\*F\*A document issued by President Ramsey and Acting Provost Willihganz in October. Dean Atlas reminded Graduate Council that one of its responsibilities was assurance of quality in graduate programs and suggestions to this end need consideration. The importance of Council as an advisory group to the Dean was also emphasized. Dean Atlas has named Associate Dean Cuyjet as Student Advocate, a responsibility he has been developing over the past few months. This should be considered very responsive to the V\*F\*A document and, in fact, pre-dates it. Dean Atlas also highlighted the good news concerning minority graduate student recruitment and the effective relationships being forged with Historically Black Colleges and Universities, particularly FAMU, KSU, and Tenn. State University. The V\*F\*A document will be a subject of further Council discussions and Dean Atlas encouraged all graduate faculty to read the document.

9. Other Business

Dean Atlas announced that the Graduate School, in conjunction with the V.P. for Research, will be hosting a Basketball game on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The invitations to Council members are in the mail.

The Graduate School will host an invitation-only Honors Reception to recognize our outstanding graduate students. The Reception will be at 5-6:30pm on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, prior to Commencement practice.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.