

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
May 25, 2004
Pending Approval--DRAFT

Meeting convened at 3:02 p.m. – Dean Ronald M. Atlas presiding.

Members present: Susan Griffin, Carlton Hornung, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Waldemar Karwowski, Bruce Kemelgor, Carolyn Klinge, Ann Larson, Suzanne Meeks, Rammohan Ragade, Ron Sahoo, Joseph Steffen, and William Wead.

Ex officio: Michael Cuyjet, Richard Stremel.

Members Absent: David Clouthier, Vicki Hines-Martin, Jim Jumblatt, Henry Luka, Dismas Masolo, Phyllis Metcalf-Turner, Peter Meyer, Seow-Chin Ong, Grant Taylor, and James Wittliff.

Guests: Srinu Srinivasan (CBPA), Peter Walton (PHIS), and Darrel Chenoweth (SSE)

1. Approval of the Minutes from the April 27, 2004 meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the March meeting. Moved by Bruce Kemelgor; seconded by Ruth Huber.

PASSED.

2. Report of the Curriculum Committee

- Proposal to Implement a Non-Thesis Option for the M.S. in Electrical Engineering

Professor Kemelgor reviewed the proposal for Council. Professor Chenoweth was present to respond to questions. It was noted that providing a non-thesis option in E.E. was consistent with the other Master's programs within the Speed School. The proposal is basically to substitute six credit hours of elective course work for the six credit hours of thesis. Approved by Curriculum Committee.

MOTION: to accept the Proposal for a Non-Thesis Option for the M.S. in Electrical Engineering.

PASSED.

- Proposal for Early-Start Program for M.A.T. emphasizing Chemistry, Biology, and Mathematics.

Dr. Kemelgor reviewed the proposal for Council. There was no representative for CEHD for the program. The Early-Start program is a comprehensive and professionally focused program that involves the M.A.T. in Middle or Secondary Education and undergraduate programs in Chemistry, Biology, and Mathematics. The program enables superior students to receive two degrees within five years and includes nine credit hours to be counted by both the undergraduate and graduate programs. The students would be enrolled in Teacher Education until completing the bachelors degree, then they would enroll in Graduate School. Nine credit hours of graduate coursework taken as UG's would be transferred to their graduate transcript,

thus reducing the number of undergraduate hours in the bachelor degrees. The driving force for the program is the need for more Middle and Secondary School math and science teachers.

While the proposal was approved by the Curriculum Committee, Graduate Council questioned the entrance requirements. Biology had more stringent requirements for entering the program (3.35 GPA) than did either Chemistry or Mathematics (2.75 GPA). It was suggested that the entrance requirements should be uniform for the programs, at least as far as GPA, for these “superior” undergraduate students.

MOTION: to approve Early-Start Program for the M.A.T. in Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics.

FAILED.

- Proposal to Modify the M.S.P.H. in Epidemiology & Clinical Investigative Sciences with the addition of an M.Sc. Option.

Dr. Kemelgor reviewed the proposal and Dr. Pete Walton was present to respond to questions. The Department of Epidemiology & Clinical Investigative Sciences wishes to offer both the M.S.P.H. and the M.Sc. in E&CIS. Both will be research degrees but the M.S.P.H. will emphasize public health and the M.Sc. will emphasize clinical research. The M.P.H. will be the professional degree offered by the School. Concern was expressed about the introduction of a new degree designation, the M.Sc., that is not currently in use at UofL. Another concern dealt with the real curricular differences between the M.Sc. and The M.S.P.H.. Council was informed that this option was the desire of the program.

MOTION: to approve addition of an M.Sc. Option for Epidemiology & Clinical Investigative Sciences.

PASSED.

3. Report of the Membership Committee

The following individuals were reviewed by the Membership Committee and are recommended as a member of the **Senior Graduate Faculty**:

- Joy G. Carew, Ph.D., *Department of Pan-African Studies*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Suzanne T. Ildstad, M.D., *Departments of Surgery and Physiology & Biophysics*, School of Medicine.
- Rey A. Carabeo, Ph.D., *Department of Microbiology & Immunology*, School of Medicine.
- Yousef Abu Kwaik, Ph.D., *Department of Microbiology & Immunology*, School of Medicine.
- David G. Lominadze, Ph.D., *Department of Physiology & Biophysics*, School of Medicine.
- Sufan Chien, M.D., *Department of Surgery*, School of Medicine.
- Kenneth N. Litwak, D.V.M., Ph.D., *Department of Surgery*, School of Medicine.

MOTION: To approve the Members of the Senior Graduate Faculty Nominations.

PASSED.

The following individual was reviewed by the Membership Committee and is recommended as member of the **Graduate Faculty**:

- Mukul Chandra, M.D., *Department of Medicine*, School of Medicine.

MOTION: To approve the Member of the Graduate Faculty Nomination.
PASSED.

4. Report on Graduate Council Elections.

The following individuals are continuing their service on Graduate Council for the 2004-05 Academic Year:

David Clouthier, Ph.D., School of Dentistry
Carlton Hornung, Ph.D., M.P.H., School of Public Health & Information Sciences
Larry Hunt, Ph.D., School of Medicine
Jim Jumblatt, Ph.D., School of Medicine
Carolyn Klinge, Ph.D., School of Medicine
Ann Larson, Ph.D., College of Education & Human Development
Dismas Masolo, Ph.D., College of Arts & Sciences
Suzanne Meeks, Ph.D., College of Arts & Sciences
Peter Meyer, Ph.D., College of Business & Public Administration
Rammohan Ragade, Ph.D., Speed School of Engineering
Ron Sahoo, Ph.D., College of Arts & Sciences
Joe Steffen, Ph.D., College of Arts & Sciences
Jim Wittliff, Ph.D., School of Medicine

The following individuals have been elected by their units to a new three-year term:

Susan Griffin, Ph.D., College of Arts & Sciences
Namok Choi, Ph.D., College of Education & Human Development
Evelyne Gozal, Ph.D., School of Medicine
Seow-Chin Ong, Ph.D., School of Music
Vicki Hines-Martin, Ph.D., School of Nursing
Ruth Huber, Ph.D., Kent School of Social Work
Waldemar Karwowski, Ph.D., Speed School of Engineering

The following individual has been elected by A&S to fill a two-year term:
George Pack, Ph.D., College of Arts & Sciences

All new, returning, and continuing members of Graduate Council assume their responsibilities on July 1, 2004.

Professor Sahoo, a member of the Nominations Committee, agreed to work with Associate Dean Stremel to begin the process of repopulating the Nominations Committee and the other Committees of the Graduate Council and the Graduate School.

5. Discussion of Joint or Shared Dissertations.

Professor Huber asked Graduate Council to discuss the possibility of two graduate students sharing one dissertation. Both students would not use the same database, but would address different aspects of the same question. Council was hesitant to establish such a precedent and asked the Associate Dean Stremel survey the Council of Graduate Schools to find if this approach is being utilized by other institutions or if CGS has a position on such an approach.

6. Other Business

Dean Atlas addressed the problem of tuition deficits in some units. For the entire 2003-04 academic year, the University has been operating under a new tuition policy. This policy was widely discussed by the Deans and endorsed by the Provost. The policy was developed by the Office of Finance and the Graduate School. Tuition is attached to PCN's of graduate assistants and cannot be split among PCN's. If the GA position is funded for 10 month's, then only 10 month's of tuition is available to the student. Some units have ignored this provision and provided year-round tuition to students not eligible for such benefits. This has lead to deficits, some quite large. It is apparent that communication within units has not been optimal, but the Office of Finance and the Graduate School are trying to get information to those making assistantship offers.

Dean Atlas warned Council of a rise in plagiarism and therefore student dismissal. It is apparent that many students do not engage in the crediting of sources as rigorously as needed, especially with internet sources. It was suggested that more information on plagiarism be built into the orientation programs for students so that they are made aware earlier in their graduate careers and understand the consequences at an early stage.

Professor Hunt raised an issue with the appropriate calendar to be used by graduate programs in the Medical School. He indicated that the official University website indicated that the Medical School calendar was to be used, but that request for final grades were being made before classes were complete. The issue of calendars will be considered further.

MOTION to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.