

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
June 22, 2004  
Pending Approval--DRAFT

Meeting convened at 3:02 p.m. – Dr. Richard Stremel presiding.

Members present: David Clouthier, Susan Griffin, Ruth Huber, Carolyn Klinge, Henry Luka, Rammohan Ragade, Ron Sahoo, Joseph Steffen, and William Wead.

Ex officio: Michael Cuyjet, Richard Stremel.

Members Absent: Vicki Hines-Martin, Carlton Hornung, Larry Hunt, Jim Jumblatt, Waldemar Karwowski, Bruce Kemelgor, Ann Larson, Dismas Masolo, Suzanne Meeks, Peter Meyer, Seow-Chin Ong, K. Grant Taylor, and James Wittliff.

Guests: S. Srinivasan (CBPA), Diane Von Ah and Cynthia McCurren (Nursing); Cheryl Kolander and Bob Ronau (Education), Terry Singer, (Kent School of Social Work).

1. Approval of the Minutes from the May 25, 2004 meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the March meeting. Moved by William Wead; seconded by Joe Steffen.

PASSED.

2. Election of CBPA Graduate Council Representative

Dr. Stremel explained that Professor Peter Meyer was going to be on sabbatical next year, so CBPA nominated a replacement representative to Graduate Council. With Professor Meyer's agreement, Professor Srinivasan will complete the final year of Dr. Meyer's term. Council was asked to elect Professor Srinivasan to complete this term as CBPA's representative to Graduate Council.

PASSED. Professor Srinivasan is eligible to vote in this meeting.

3. Report of the Curriculum Committee

- Proposal for Early-Start Program for M.A.T. emphasizing Chemistry, Biology, and Mathematics (Drs. Kolander & Ronau).

Dr. Stremel reviewed and said that Council had objected to the Mathematics and Chemistry GPA being 2.75 and Biology requiring 3.25. It was thought that they should all be the same and was ultimately defeated. The proposal was resubmitted and all the GPA's are now the same (3.00). Dr. Stremel handed out copies for review. Discussion followed. Dr. Kolander clarified specific items.

MOTION by Dr. Wead to accept the modified proposal. Seconded by Professor Sahoo.

PASSED.

- Proposal for a Dual Degree Program of a M.A. in Pan-African Studies and a M.S.S.W. (Dr. Terry Singer)

Dr. Stremel reported that the Curriculum Committee approved the proposal with recommended changes of credit hours to 66 hours. The changes were submitted.

Dr. Singer commented on difference in credit hours. Research Project can serve instead of thesis option.  
PASSED.

- Proposal for an Oncological Nursing Clinical Track in the M.S.N. Program. (Drs. Cynthia McCurren and Diane Von Ah)  
Dr. Stremel reviewed the proposal. There was some concern by the Curriculum Committee that the program has different requirements for the same degree for a Thesis vs. Research Project option (49 vs. 46 credits). It was suggested by council that the project students could just take another 3-hour course to make up the difference. Dr. McCurren said this was a good possibility and would fit into the proposal. MOTION to approve and send forward to the Provost. One abstention.  
PASSED.

It was suggested by Council to meet to discuss the difference in thesis vs. non-thesis option and the differing credit hours. Dr. Stremel suggested that Council needs to address/discuss this, then make recommendations. Council needs information on other programs that have this discrepancy. It was recommended to check with other programs nationally to see how they are handling this.

- Proposed Changes to the M.Ed. Program in Physical Education (Dr. Cheryl Kolander).  
Dr. Kolander explained that this was just a change in title (to Health and Physical Education, and to remove “Sport Administration” from the proposal (they have their own program). They have added classes and electives to “clean up” the proposal. It was approved by Curriculum Committee.  
PASSED.
- Proposed Concentration in Expressive Therapies in the M.Ed. Program in Counseling and Personnel Services (Kolander)  
Dr. Kolander explained that Expressive Therapies has been integrated into Counseling and Personnel Services, thus the need for some changes to the proposal. They have had good feedback from students, concerning the incorporation of Expressive Therapies in the ECPY program. MOTION from Curriculum Committee to approve.  
PASSED.

#### 4. Report of the Membership Committee

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

- Jill E. Preminger, Ph.D., *Department of Surgery*, School of Medicine.
- Avery Kolers Ph.D., *Department of Philosophy*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Michal Hetman, M.D., Ph.D., *Department of Neurological Surgery*, School of Medicine.

MOTION: To approve the Membership Committee recommendations.  
PASSED.

5. Approval of Degree List for August Graduation.  
MOTION: On behalf of the Graduate Faculty, Graduate Council approves the list of candidates for graduate degrees to be awarded in August 2004 and additions that are eligible, provided all requirements for the degree are met prior to August 6, 2004.  
MOTION by William Wead to approve the list, seconded by Carolyn Klinge:  
PASSED.
6. Election of the 2004-05 Nominations Committee.  
In light of losing several members due to term expiration, Dr. Stremel called for nominations from the Graduate Faculty. The Nominations Committee structure calls for five graduate faculty from five different units. The call for nominations provided an inadequate distribution of units. Dr. Stremel called for Council to nominate members and vote. The Graduate Council vote for the Nominations Committee elected S. Srinivasan (CBPA), William Wead (Physiology & Biophysics), and Richard Cloud (Kent School of Social Work). The entire Committee will be convened in August to nominate graduate faculty to the other Graduate School and Council committees.
7. Discussion of Calendar for 2004-05 Graduate Council Meetings  
September meeting has been rescheduled to the 21<sup>st</sup> because Dr. Atlas will be unavailable on the 28<sup>th</sup>. December 21<sup>st</sup> is right before the Christmas Break. The new schedule has not been cross-checked yet against any work-restricted religious holidays. MOTION by S. Srinivasan to move the December meeting to December 14 due to grading deadline for professors. Seconded by Carolyn Klinge.  
PASSED.

MOTION to approve total calendar with revisions.  
PASSED.

8. Other Business.
  - Shared Dissertation (two people working on one thesis/dissertation). Dr. Stremel reported that in response to a query on this question last month, he had contacted CGS. Very few graduate institutions permit shared dissertations and it is clearly, nationally, not the norm.
  - Graduate committees do NOT meet in July.
  - Dr. Atlas wants electronic thesis and dissertation to be discussed again at the August Graduate Council meeting.

MOTION by David Clouthier to adjourn at 4:20 p.m.  
PASSED.