

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
September 21, 2004
Pending Approval--DRAFT

Meeting convened at 3:06 p.m. – Dean Atlas presiding.

Members present: Namok Choi, Susan Griffin, Vicki Hines-Martin, Carlton Hornung, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Carolyn Klinge, Ann Larson, Seow-Chin Ong, Rammohan Ragade, and S. Srinivasan.

Ex officio: Ronald M. Atlas, Michael Cuyjet, and Richard Stremel.

Members Absent: David Clouthier, Evelyne Gozal, Jim Jumblatt, Waldemar Karwowski, Henry Luka, Dismas Masolo, Suzanne Meeks, George Pack, Ron Sahoo, Joseph Steffen, and James Wittliff.

Guests: Dean Mary Mundt (Nursing), Cynthia McCurren (Nursing), Linda Shapiro (Provost's Office), and Margaret Pentecost (Education).

1. Approval of the Minutes from the September 21, 2004 meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the September meeting. Moved by Ruth Huber; seconded by Carlton Hornung.

PASSED.

2. Report of the Curriculum Committee

- Proposal for a Ph.D. in Nursing (Dean Mundt and Professor McCurren).

Dean Mundt and Dr. McCurren reviewed the proposal for Council and responded to questions. It was noted that the Curriculum Committee did not have the Budget portion of this Proposal and that the Budget was also not available to Graduate Council. The Budget has been negotiated but was not finalized until shortly before Council convened. Dean Mundt explained that this proposal is designed to be a research-based nursing degree. One unique aspect from other programs in the state is the track from B.S.N. to Ph.D.

MOTION: The motion, from the Committee, is to approve the proposal for a Ph.D. in Nursing with the acknowledgement that the proposal was not reviewed with a budget.

PASSED.

- Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Health Professions Education (Dr. Pentecost).

Dr. Margaret Pentecost reviewed the proposal and responded to questions. This is a 12 hour program in the Department of Leadership, Foundations, and Human Resource Education. The objective of the Certificate is to provide health professional faculty, residents and graduate students with the skills and knowledge to succeed as educators in an academic career. The Certificate program will require no new courses.

MOTION: The motion, from the Committee, is to approve the Graduate Certificate for Health Professions Education.

PASSED.

3. Report of the Membership Committee

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

- Thaddeus Dumas, Ed.D., *Department of Leadership, Foundations and Human Resource Education*, College of Education and Human Development.
- Olfa Nasraoui, Ph.D., *Department of Computer Science & Computer Engineering*, Speed School of Engineering.
- Hichem Frigui, Ph.D., *Department of Computer Science & Computer Engineering*, Speed School of Engineering.
- D. Gregg Rokosh, Ph.D., *Department of Medicine*, School of Medicine.

MOTION: From the Committee, to approve the recommended nominations to the **Senior Members of the Graduate Faculty**.

PASSED.

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

- Justin B. Moore, Ph.D., *Department of Health Promotion, Physical Education, and Sport Studies*, College of Education and Human Development.
- Susan G. Lasky, Ph.D., *Department of Leadership, Foundations and Human Resource Education*, College of Education and Human Development.
- Karen E. Spierling, Ph.D., *Department of History*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Kiseop Lee, Ph.D., *Department of Mathematics*, College of Arts and Sciences.

MOTION: From the Committee to approve the recommendation of nominations to **Members of the Graduate Faculty**.

PASSED.

4. Discussion of Creation of an Appeals Committee.

Dean Atlas initiated the discussion by describing a number of circumstances in which actions are taken with respect to student issues by the Graduate Dean, that lack graduate faculty input. Council felt that such a committee should be a Standing Committee of the Graduate Council rather than an ad hoc group. It was suggested that monthly meetings would be adequate, but called meetings for acute issues would be acceptable. It was suggested that the Committee have graduate student representation. The Council and Dean Atlas requested that Associate Dean Stremel draft appropriate changes in the Bylaws to establish such a committee and recommended it be called the Dean's Advisory Committee.

5. Discussion of Commencement Honors for Certificate Recipients.

Dean Atlas asked Council to consider whether or not it would be desirable to include Certificate recipients in the list of graduate students eligible for honors (e.g., Dean's Citation) at commencement. Council was overwhelmingly negative to this idea.

6. Other Business.

Associate Dean Stremel announced that a call for nominations to fill Council seat vacancies in A&S and Medicine would be going out. Council will elect representatives from these nominations to fill the seats vacated by Drs. Suzanne Meeks and Jim Jumblatt. Dean Atlas distributed copies of a grant proposal which the

Graduate School had recently submitted to the Council of Graduate Schools. The grant deals with developing several mentoring approaches and programs in different disciplines, with a goal of decreased attrition in doctoral programs.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m