

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

June 28, 2005

Meeting convened at 3:01 p.m. – Dean Atlas presiding.

Members present: Namok Choi, David Clouthier, Susan Griffin, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Waldemar Karwowski, Carolyn Klinge, Rammohan Ragade, Ron Sahoo, S. Srinivasan, Nancy Theriot, and James Wittliff.

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

Members Absent: Evelyne Gozal, Vicki Hines-Martin, Carlton Hornung, Kathleen Klueber, Elangovan Krishnan, Ann Larson, Dismas Masolo, Seow-Chin Ong, George Pack, and Joseph Steffen.

Guests: Paul McKinney (SPHIS), Rudolph Parrish (SPHIS), Audrey Kline (CBPA), and Patrick Hardesty (CEHD), Rhonda Buchanan (A&S).

1. Approval of the Minutes from the May 24, 2005 meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the May meeting as amended. The amendment being the correct spelling of Dr. Wittliff's name.

Moved by Susan Griffin; seconded by Carolyn Klinge.

PASSED.

2. Report of the Curriculum Committee.

- Concentration in Biostatistics within the M.S.P.H./Ph.D. Program in Biostatistics-Decision Science. Professor Parrish provided an overview of the proposed new concentration in Biostatistics, indicating that this doctoral program is the only one in the Commonwealth with a Biostatistics concentration. The current program offers a concentration in Decision Science; this proposal develops the parallel concentration in Biostatistics. The changes necessary to offer this new concentration include the substitution of new courses for courses no longer offered, a compression of the practicum so that it may be completed in one semester, an increase in the number of hours required for research seminar, a new required course in Clinical Trials, and an increase in elective course offerings.

MOTION: Motion to approve comes from Committee.

PASSED.

- Change in Language Requirement for Certificate in Latin American Studies. Professor Buchanan, Director of Latin American Studies, provided the background for this proposed change. The change is in the minimum language requirement for the LAS Certificate from a 300 level to a 200 level course. The Spanish Program has changed their course numbering and now the same course is a 200 level course. This change simply aligns the Certificate with the A&S language changes.

MOTION: Motion to approve comes from Committee.

PASSED.

- Changes in resumption of M.B.A./M.Eng. Associate Dean Kline presented the background for this change. Essentially the CBPA is reinstating a combined degree program between the M.B.A. and M.Eng. that had been suspended by the M.B.A. program. They have now made changes in the 36 hour program that provide a core of 30 hours for the M.B.A.

MOTION : Motion to approve comes from Committee.

PASSED.

- Suspension of Human Services Concentration in Counseling & Personnel Services M.Ed. Professor Hardesty was present from CEHD to answer questions and provide background. This degree program did not allow students to be credentialed in Human Services, thus declining interest. No students have been admitted to the program in the past year and all remaining students should have completed the program within 5 years.

MOTION: Motion to approve comes from Committee.

PASSED.

3. Report of the Membership Committee.

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

- Somnath Datta, Ph.D., *Department of Bioinformatics & Biostatistics*, School of Public Health and Information Sciences.
- Susmita Datta, Ph.D., *Department of Bioinformatics & Biostatistics*, School of Public Health and Information Sciences.
- Robert R. Jacobs, Ph.D., *Department of Environmental & Occupational Health*, School of Public Health and Information Sciences.
- Richard N. Cloud, Ph.D., Kent School of Social Work
- Theresa A. Rajack-Talley, Ph.D., *Department of Pan African Studies*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Madhavi J. Rane, Ph.D., *Department's of Medicine and Biochemistry & Molecular Biology*, School of Medicine.

MOTION: From the Committee to approve for Senior Member of the Graduate Faculty.

PASSED.

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

- Amy S. Hirschy, Ph.D., *Department of Educational & Counseling Psychology*, College of Education and Human Development.
- David A. Scott, Ph.D., *Department of Periodontics, Endodontics & Dental Hygiene*, School of Dentistry.

MOTION: From the Committee to approve for Member of the Graduate Faculty.

PASSED.

4. Discussion of Graduate School Calendar for 2005-06.

Associate Dean Stremel distributed the draft calendar for Graduate Council meetings. All meetings are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of the month at 3:00pm, except the December meeting which will be the third Tuesday, December 20th. The calendar has been checked for conflicts with work-restricted religious holidays.

APPROVED.

5. Report on CGS Consultants Site Visit.

Dean Atlas reported that the report of the CGS site-visit team has been delivered to the Provost. The Report has not been made public. The Provost is still considering actions to respond to the report.

6. Other Business.

Associate Dean Stremel distributed the list of candidates for degrees in August.

MOTION: To approve, on behalf of the Graduate Faculty, the list of candidates for degree in August, contingent upon completion of all degree requirements.

Motion made by Susan Griffin and seconded by David Coulthier.

PASSED.

Dr. Stremel distributed a Roster of Graduate Council for 2005-06 so that members can see who their colleagues for the year will be.

Meeting adjourned 4:04 p.m.