

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
June 27, 2006

Meeting convened at 3:07 p.m. – Dean Ronald Atlas presiding.

Members present: Timothy Brauch, Namok Choi, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Carolyn Klinge, Ann Larson, Rammohan Ragade, and Nancy Theriot,

Ex officio: Ronald Atlas and Richard Stremel.

Members Absent: Annette Allen, Evelyne Gozal, Susan Griffin, Mahesh Gupta, Vicki Hines-Martin, Carlton Hornung, Waldemar Karwowski, Kathleen Klueber, Seow-Chin Ong, George Pack, Ron Sahoo, David Scott, Joseph Steffen, and James Wittliff.

Guests: Dean Blaine Hudson (A&S), Elaine Wise (Humanities), Mark Blum (History), Pete Walton (SPHIS), Gina Schack (CEHD), Linda Shapiro (Provost's Office), Tom Byers (English).

1. Approval of the Minutes from the April 25, 2006 meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the meeting. Moved by Ruth Huber; seconded by Ann Larson.

PASSED.

2. Report of the Curriculum Committee.

- Proposed Curriculum Changes in the M.P.H.

Associate Dean of SPHIS, Pete Walton was present to present the changes and answer questions. The proposed changes in curriculum are the result of re-evaluation, experience, and student and faculty feedback. The changes include: PHKC 696 will be required only in the first year rather than every semester; an additional course in each concentration area will be added in the second year; the credit hours in each semester are slightly changed, but the total number of hours remains the same.

MOTION: To approve the M.P.H. curricular changes comes from the Committee.

PASSED.

- Proposed Curriculum Change in School Counseling Concentration in Counseling & Personnel Services M.Ed.

The core professional area of School Counseling is increased to 30 hours and the total number of credit hours is increased to 45 for the degree. These changes are in response to changes in Kentucky standards for School Counselors in the P-12 school environment.

MOTION: To approve the School Counseling Curriculum Changes comes from the Committee.

PASSED.

- Proposed Curriculum Changes in the Physical Education M.A.T.  
Curricular changes will increase the Health Education Methods class from 3 to 6 hours and delete other courses in which the content will be picked up in other M.A.T. courses. The additional time in the methods course will meet Kentucky New Teacher Standards.

MOTION: To approve the Physical Education M.A.T. changes comes from Committee.

PASSED.

- Proposed Curriculum Changes in the Health & Physical Education M.Ed.  
The proposal has several components, including a name change in the degree to highlight the focus on Health Education. The proposed new degree name is “Masters of Education in Health Education”. The minimum total credit hours is increased from 33 to 36 and the course work focus shifts from physical education to health education.

MOTION: To approve the curriculum changes in the Health Education M.Ed. degree program comes from Committee.

PASSED.

- Proposed Curriculum Changes in the Reading Education M.Ed.  
The standards the current M.Ed. in Reading Program is based upon have been revised. The changes requested align the degree program with these new standards. This necessitates the deletion of one required course, addition of four new required courses and one elective course. The degree program has been increased from 30 to 36 credit hours.

MOTION: To approve the curriculum changes requested in the M.Ed. in Reading Education comes from Committee.

PASSED.

- Proposed Curriculum Changes in the Secondary Education M.A.T. Certifications  
Reinstitutes a student teaching seminar eliminated several years ago in response to student support and professional experience. To keep total credit hours at 36, as the Capstone Seminar is added, the number of content support courses is reduced by one. The changes also align all the certifications within the degree program.

MOTION: To approve the course changes in the Secondary Education M.A.T. comes from Committee.

PASSED.

- Proposed Curriculum Changes in the Middle School Education M.A.T.  
Same changes as above. Also aligns the Middle and Secondary program requirements.

MOTION: To approve the course changes in the Middle School Education M.A.T. comes from Committee.

PASSED.

- Proposed Curriculum Changes in the Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education M.Ed.

The request is to change the M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education to a M.A.T. in ECE. This change makes the degree consistent with initial certification for teaching and allows future development of the M.Ed.

MOTION: To approve changes in the M.Ed. to M.A.T. in Early Childhood Education comes from Committee.

PASSED.

### 3. Other Curricular Issues (not from Committee)

- Proposed Changes in the Endorsement for Teaching ESL

Proposal Withdrawn.

- Proposed Changes in Degree Programs in SPHIS

Pete Walton, the Associate Dean of SPHIS presented the proposed changes offered in response to Council for Education in Public Health accreditation requirements. The changes include: renaming the M.Sc. in Epidemiology: Clinical Investigation Sciences to the M.Sc. in Clinical Investigation Sciences; renaming the Certificate in Epidemiology: Clinical Investigation Sciences to the Certificate in Clinical Investigation Sciences; renaming the M.S.P.H. in Epidemiology: Clinical Investigation Sciences to the M.S. in Epidemiology; renaming the M.S.P.H. in Biostatistics – Decision Science to the M.S. in Biostatistics – Decision Science; and renaming the Ph.D. in Epidemiology: Clinical Investigation Sciences to the Ph.D. in Public Health Sciences. These changes will realign the M.Sc. and M.S.P.H. as two separate degrees with differing curricula.

MOTION: To approve the proposed changes in the Public Health and Information Sciences curriculum.

PASSED with one abstention.

- Proposed Admission Requirement Change in the Humanities Ph.D.  
Dean Blaine Hudson, Elaine Wise, Mark Blum, and Tom Byers presented the proposal and answered questions. The proposal is to waive the Graduate School requirement for GRE Scores for students applying to the Humanities doctoral program in China. Currently the GRE is only administered four times in China at limited locations so it is a hardship for applicants to take the exam. To ensure applicants qualifications they will be interviewed by faculty at the Beijing Foreign Language Studies Program of Beijing University. Students have already been admitted and classes are to commence July 2006.

MOTION: To approve the waiver of requiring GRE Scores for students applying to the Humanities Doctoral Program in China.

PASSED with two abstentions.

### 4. Report of the Membership Committee.

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

- Michael Martin, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Periodontics, Endodontics, and Dental Hygiene, *Department of Periodontics, Endodontics, and Dental Hygiene*, School of Dentistry and *Department of Microbiology & Immunology*, School of Medicine.

MOTION: To approve this nomination comes from the Committee.

PASSED.

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

- Qunwei Zhang, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Environmental & Occupational Health, *Department of Environmental & Occupational Health*, School of Public Health and Information Sciences.

MOTION: To approve this nomination comes from the Committee.

PASSED.

5. Approval of Degree Candidates for the August Graduation.

MOTION: The Graduate Council approves, on behalf of the Graduate Faculty, for August Graduation the list of degree candidates and any additional candidates who complete all degree requirements prior to August 4, 2006. Motion made by Carolyn Klinge and seconded by Namok Choi.

PASSED.

6. Graduate Council Meeting Dates.

MOTION: Maintain the standard meeting date of the Graduate Council on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except for July when Council will not meet and in December when Council will meet on the third Tuesday. Meetings will begin at 3:00 p.m. in room 105S Houchens Bldg. Motion made by Ann Larson and seconded by Nancy Theriot.

PASSED.

7. Other Business

Council discussed the consequences of the Graduate School reorganization to numbers of graduate faculty and the reorganization of Graduate Council. It was felt that there should be increased student representation on Graduate Council and that Council should more involve graduate advisors.

Meeting adjourned 4:38 p.m.