

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
June 26, 2007  
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Meeting convened at 3:02 p.m. – Dean Ronald Atlas presiding.

Members present: Annette Allen, Timothy Brauch, David Dubofsky, Evelyne Gozal, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Waldemar Karwowski, Carolyn Klinge, Ann Larson, Karen Robinson, and Nancy Theriot.

Ex officio: Michael Cuyjet, Paul DeMarco, and Richard Stremel.

Members Absent: Namok Choi, Susan Griffin, Carlton Hornung, Steven Myers, Seow-Chin Ong, George Pack, Rammohan Ragade, Ron Sahoo, David Scott, Joseph Steffen, and James Wittliff.

Guests: Dan Mahony (Provost's Office), Bill Pierce (SOM), and Pete Walton (SPHIS).

1. Approval of the Minutes from the April 24, 2007 meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the meeting. Motion made by David Dubofsky and seconded by Annette Allen.

PASSED.

2. Report of the Curriculum Committee.

- Proposal for Revision of the Curriculum for the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Pharmacology & Toxicology.

Professor Pierce was present to answer questions on the curricular changes. The changes in the curriculum are a response to the student funding paradigm, initiated by the Graduate School, which provides a full 2 years of support for students before they must be supported through departmental or grant resources. The program is also breaking one large core course into 4 smaller specialized courses and the program is adding courses on writing and public speaking.

MOTION: To approve the curricular changes to the M.S. and Ph. D. in Pharmacology & Toxicology comes from Committee.

PASSED.

- Proposal for the Revision of the Curriculum for the Ph.D. degree in Public Health Sciences with a Concentration in Health Management.

Associate Dean of SHPIS and Professor Pete Walton was present to answer questions concerning the curricular change. This concentration was an Outcomes Research emphasis that is being changed to Health Management. The revised curriculum maintains the total number of credit hours at 48, but increases the number of required credit hours from 18 to 33, reduces the number of elective hours from 12 to 6, and reduces the number of required

research hours from 18 to 9. The changes are extensive and broaden the focus from health services and outcomes research to health management.

MOTION: To approve the curricular changes to the Concentration in Health Management comes from Committee.

PASSED.

- Proposal for the Curriculum for the Ph.D. degree in Public Health Sciences with a Concentration in Health Promotion.

Associate Dean Walton was present to answer questions. The addition of this concentration will be the fifth in Public Health Sciences. It was noted that there is no common core curriculum among the five concentrations. Dr. Mahony and others indicated that a common core in a Ph.D. program was not a CPE requirement. The question was raised as to consultation with CEHD since that College also has an interest in Health Promotion. Council was assured that such consultation would occur. The new Concentration also adds a number of new courses.

MOTION: To approve the curriculum for the Ph.D. degree in Public Health Sciences with a Concentration in Health Promotion comes from Committee.

PASSED.

- Proposal for Revision of the Curriculum for the M.S. degree in Biostatistics: Decision Science.

Professor Walton was present to respond to queries. The revision includes the replacement of a required course with an elective and inclusion of a list of approved electives.

MOTION: To approve the curriculum revision for the M.S. degree in Biostatistics: Decision Science comes from Committee.

PASSED.

- Proposal for a M.A.T. degree program in Special Education with Certifications in Learning & Behavior Disorders (LBD) and Moderate & Severe Disabilities (MSD).

Professor Larson, a Member of Council, was present to address questions. Currently, all students in these areas are enrolled in the M.Ed. program. The Department wishes to make initial certification in LBD and MSD occur through the M.A.T. while those seeking advanced certification in LBD and MSD would remain in the M.Ed.

MOTION: To approve the M.A.T. degree program for Special Education with Initial Certifications in LBD and MSD comes from Committee.

PASSED.

### 3. Report on the Membership Committee.

Dean atlas informed Graduate Council that in anticipation of and in response to the Reorganization of the Graduate School, he has changed all requests for Graduate Faculty membership to Ad Hoc appointments that run through June 30, 2008. Therefore there is no reason for the Membership Committee to meet. The

discussion that followed centered on the work of the Transition Team and the Graduate Education Strategic Planning Group.

4. 2007 Graduate Council Meeting Dates.  
Graduate Council approved the meeting dates for the remainder of 2007. These dates are: August 28, September 25, October 23, November 27, and December 18.
5. Approval of Degree Candidates.  
MOTION: The Graduate Council approves, on behalf of the Graduate Faculty, the August Graduation list of graduate degree candidates and additional candidates who complete all requirements for the degree prior to August 10, 2007.  
MOTION: Motion made by Carolyn Klinge and seconded by Waldemar Karwowski.  
PASSED.
6. Academic Grievance Policy Revisions.  
Based upon the recommendations of the Student Academic Grievance Committee, the grievance policy was revised. The changes are relatively minor, but do make more specific issues related to what information the written letter of grievance must contain, requirements for written notification of hearing participants, and the role of any advisors present at the hearing.  
MOTION: Motion to approve the Grievance Procedure Revisions made by Karen Robinson and seconded by Carolyn Klinge.  
PASSED.
7. Other Business.  
A question was raised with an issue concerning a student with no calculate GPA and interpretations as to academic progress and graduation wit a 3.00. This issue was determined to be a consideration of future problems and thus not an issue for this Graduate Council to consider.

Dr. Waldemar Karwowski announced that he will be leaving UofL to become Department Chair at the U. Central Florida.

Meeting adjourned 3:58 p.m.