

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
November 17, 2011
1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Michael Annable, Dr. Andrea Behrman, Dr. Virginia Dodd, Dr. Arthur Edison, Dr. Mary Ann Ferguson, Dr. Peter Hansen, Dr. Carole Kimberlin, Dr. Lisa McElwee-White, Dr. Craig Osenberg, Dr. Joyce Stechmiller, Dr. Robert Westin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Leonardo Villalón, Ms. Nancy Parish (GSC)

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Eric Black (Medicine), Mr. Richard Bryant (Admissions), Dr. Jason Byrd (Medicine), Dr. Sylvia Chan-Olmstead (Journalism & Communications), Dr. Joseph Fantone (Medicine), Dr. Michael Good (Medicine), Ms. Mary Ann Hagler (Registrar), Dr. Stephanie Hanson (Public Health and Health Professions), Dr. Linda Hon (Journalism & Communications), Dr. Mary Peoples-Sheps (Public Health and Health Professions), Dr. Margaret Portillo (Design, Construction and Planning), Dr. Robert Ries (Design, Construction and Planning), Dr. Paul Zwick (Design, Construction and Planning)

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Karen Bradley (recording), Dr. Laurence Alexander, Ms. Rimjhim Banerjee, Ms. Gann Enholm, Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt, Dr. Emilia Hodge, Mr. Matthew Mitterko, Ms. Stacy Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 P.M.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Minutes from the October 20, 2011 Graduate Council meeting.** Approved unanimously.
2. **Proposal for a Health Outcomes and Policy concentration in the Master of Science in Medical Sciences degree.** Dr. Betsy Shenkman presented the proposal for a second concentration which will be available for students seeking the Master of Science in Medical Sciences degree with a first concentration in Health Outcomes and Policy. The focus is to better develop clinicians and scientists to translate research into community settings. All curriculum items have been approved by the Graduate Curriculum Committee. The trend in medical and health research is rapidly moving into the field of translation, and developing a whole new science to implement discoveries to shorten the time it takes for health innovations to reach populations. There is a real need for training in health outcomes research at many levels. The mentored research experience will have students working with grant-funded faculty; the research will be used in their thesis. The target population is UF graduate students, and current health care professionals. This program is intended for master's degree

students. Medical students who are interested in advanced degrees in this area will also participate. This is a multi-disciplinary science. The proposal was discussed with Pharmacy; it was confirmed that the two programs are different and have unique curricula. The College of Public Health and Health Professions (PHHP) also reviewed the proposal. Some segments of courses may overlap, but not the complete course. PHHP would like to link with the program, especially if the program is broadened to include more electives. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Summer 2012.

3. **Proposal for a Certificate in Health Outcomes and Policy.** The difference from the concentration is that members of the target audience do not need to enroll as graduate degree-seeking students. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Summer 2012.
4. **Proposal for a Certificate in Global Strategic Communication.** Dr. Linda Hon presented this proposal, which is part of larger efforts of the college to address globalization. The certificate will be unique by taking traditional emphases and interrelating them in global and outreach initiatives. The target audience is working professionals. Some may be interested in pursuing a master's program. This is a distance delivery certificate. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2011.
5. **Proposal for the following four new concentrations within the major of Design, Construction and Planning: Landscape Architecture, Construction Management, Interior Design and Historic Preservation.** Immediately prior to the council meeting, Dr. Zwick requested that the concentration in Historic Preservation be removed from the agenda. He then presented the proposal for the three concentrations: Landscape Architecture, Construction Management, and Interior Design. All three are part of the College's strategic plan to have concentrations under the college-wide PhD. Each concentration has more stringent criteria than the generalist PhD. The current PhD graduates are disadvantaged without a concentration on their transcript, because many disciplines have other terminal degrees. It is not feasible for the college to offer separate PhD programs at this time. The CIP code for the degree will remain the same, regardless of the concentration. Although the disciplines are separate (e.g. Landscape Architecture vs Construction Management vs Interior Design), the joint faculty teach interdisciplinary seminars and the basic core courses for the PhD. Most students will only pursue one concentration. Having distinct concentrations is also a way to attract students who are not interested in a generalist PhD. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2012.
6. **Proposal to expand the reach of the waiver for the Online Medical Education degree.** Dr. Eric Black presented the proposal. At the April 2011 meeting, Council approved the program and GRE waiver for UF faculty. At that time, Council engaged in a discussion about benefits of having a broader reach. This proposal is a response to that discussion. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2012.

- 7. Proposal for a Certificate in Emerging Infectious Disease Research.** Dr. Stephanie Hanson and Dr. Mary Peoples-Sheps indicated that this certificate currently exists; per Board of Governors requirements it must now receive Graduate Council Review. There are no changes in the curriculum. This certificate program for working professionals has been in existence for 2 years at UF. It is primarily supported by the Department of Defense because infectious diseases have implications for US interests around the world. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2012.
- 8. Proposal for a Certificate in Public Health.** Dr. Stephanie Hanson and Dr. Mary Peoples-Sheps indicated that this certificate currently exists; per Board of Governors requirements it must now receive Graduate Council Review. This certificate program has been in existence since 2004. It is offered in on-campus and distance delivery methods. The 15 required credits are 5 core courses in the MPH program. The concentration in public health attached to the MPH has completely different criteria. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2012.
- 9. Proposal for a Certificate in Veterinary Forensic Sciences.** Dr. Jason Byrd presented the proposal, which is a joint venture of the College of Veterinary Medicine, the Department of Pathology in the College of Medicine, and the Maples Forensic Center. This certificate program is a direct response to veterinary professionals requesting graduate level courses. Most of the students will be practicing veterinarians who serve as “veterinary medical examiners”, although the program is not limited to that group. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 17, 2011