

**MINUTES**  
**GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**January 19, 2012**  
**1:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Henry Frierson, Chair; Dr. Virginia Dodd, Dr. Mary Ann Ferguson, Dr. Carole Kimberlin, Dr. Craig Osenberg, Ms. Nancy Parish (GSC), Dr. Leonardo Villalón, Dr. Robert Westin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Michael Annable, Dr. Andrea Behrman, Dr. Arthur Edison, Dr. Peter Hansen, Dr. Lisa McElwee-White, Dr. Joyce Stechmiller

GUESTS PRESENT: Mr. Rick Bryant (Admissions), Dr. Glenn Galloway (Latin American Studies), Dr. Greg Gray (College of Public Health and Health Professions), Ms. Mary Ann Hagler (Registrar), Dr. Stephanie Hanson (College of Public Health and Health Professions), Dr. Jill Herndon (Health Outcomes and Policy), Dr. Marianne Schmink (Latin American Studies), Dr. Elizabeth Shenkman (Health Outcomes and Policy)

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

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

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Minutes from the December 15, 2011 Graduate Council meeting.** Approved unanimously.
2. **Proposal for a graduate certificate in Sustainable Development Practice.** Dr. Marianne Schmink and Dr. Glenn Galloway explained to Council that this master's degree in Sustainable Development Practice is relatively new. It is part of a global network of institutions supported by the McArthur Foundation. This certificate is a companion to the degree. There are no immediate plans to request a concentration. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Fall 2012
3. **Proposal for a concentration in One Health for the PhD in Public Health.** Dr. Greg Gray and Dr. Stephanie Hanson presented the proposal. UF is uniquely suited to develop the concept of OneHealth because the extent of resources and expertise of the entire campus captures the attention of many disciplines to solve these complex problems. The program will develop the next generation of leaders who need cross-disciplinary training. There is already a huge niche market for this program in US and international health agencies. This program the first in the US; the only other comparable one is in the UK. The courses for the 36-38 credit OneHealth

concentration, including the three new ones, provide more disease specificity than the existing public health concentrations. Although the program is more applied than theoretical, students will use a number of different quantitative and analytical tools. The college has already responded adequately to the specific technical comments from the Graduate School. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Summer 2012.

**4. Proposal for a Master of Health Science-Environmental & Global Health.**

Dr. Greg Gray and Dr. Stephanie Hanson presented the proposal for this new degree program. The degree is Master of Health Science, major Environmental & Global Health, with a concentration in OneHealth. UF is uniquely positioned to offer this program because of extensive campus resources, particularly related to land grant and health science center missions. This 40 credit master's program gets its strength from the breadth of coursework. The program will be tailored to individual student needs, both in elective content and timing. Three, four or five term schedules will be available. This degree program differs from the master's in public health in several ways, although both use the same core courses. The MPH covers the whole breadth of public health. The MHS-EGH focus will be more applied and take evolutionary changes into account (eg. the microbial changes in hospital infections, or water pollution). It will create problem solvers who have more lab-based training and exposure to field issues. With approval of the program director, students will be able to seek electives to enhance their particular field of interest from the entire university offerings. This will enable more linkages, especially to newly developed programs in other colleges. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: after all other approvals in place.

**5. Proposal for a GRE waiver for selected applicants to the MS-Medical Sciences degree with a concentration in Health Outcomes and Policy.**

Dr. Elizabeth Shenkman and Dr. Jill Herndon were in attendance. Council did not have any questions. Motion: approved unanimously. Effective date: Spring 2012.

## **II. Announcements**

1. Dr. Frierson announced that 5 current members of Council will complete their terms this year. In keeping with past practice, he requested that these retiring members serve as the nominating committee for the slate of candidates for the 2 elected Graduate Council members. The retiring members are: Dr. Virginia Dodd (Dentistry), Dr. Peter Hansen (CALs), Dr. Craig Osenberg (CLAS), Dr. Leonardo Villalon (CLAS), and Ms. Nancy Parish (Graduate Student Council representative). Dr. Kenneth Gerhardt will be convening the committee soon.

**The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 16, 2012**