

**Graduate Council Minutes
April 1, 2008**

Present: Jamie Barlowe, Karen Bjorkman, Dwayne Demedio, Michael Dowd, Jeanne Funk, Hans Gottgens, Ruth Hottell, Joan Kaderavek, Patricia Komuniecki, Morris Jenkins, Sara Lundquist, Marietta Morrissey, Sam Okoroafo, Patricia Relue, Dale Snauwaert, Constantine Theodosiou, Frederick Williams

Absent: Donald Beeman (4), Barbaranne Benjamin (1), Michael Bisesi (4), John Gaboury (6), Susan Martyn (8)

Excused Frank Calzonetti, Maria Coleman, Wayne Hoss, Anastasia Mirzoyants,
Absent Walter Olson, Danny Pincivero

The Minutes of the March 18, 2008, meeting were approved.

Report of the Executive Committee of the Graduate Council and the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Dowd reported we are moving toward harmonization of bylaws with discussions centering on graduate curriculum and graduate faculty membership. Another meeting is scheduled in a few days and we hope there is progress to report back shortly.

Dr. Theodosiou added it is preferable to have a combined Graduate Council before July 1st, the starting date for the new Graduate College Dean. Concerning the budget, Dr. Theodosiou reported that he has been involved in two budget hearings before the Provosts and President. He asked that by April 1st we receive our budget at the same level and has requested \$2.1 million for tuition waivers and \$1.3 million for stipend increases. He added there is one budget for the entire Graduate College as it is one operation. With respect to tuition waivers and assistantships, the budget is the same, however, with reallocation there will be some change. Provost Gold indicated agreement with moving forward experimentally with tuition waivers. Dr. Theodosiou plans to meet with Provost Haggett to request similar allowances on proposed reallocation of University resources on this campus as well. When further information is available, Dr. Theodosiou can provide specific details. Dr. Theodosiou said at this date, it is too late to make big changes to the budget, however, there will be some changes based on critical needs.

Dr. Dowd requested that Dr. Theodosiou consult the Graduate Council Executive Committee (GCEC) and bring any proposed changes to Council for discussion.

There was discussion on whether tuition waivers are treated as real dollars, whether they can be offered this year and whether it supports the Directions Document. Dr. Theodosiou replied there is no new money specifically set aside for tuition waivers, but rather the option is there to use stipends for tuition waivers. He noted that successful programs do get some of their support from external money which results in students paying to come here for quality programs. Where there are assistantships supported by external funds, UT covers their tuition costs.

Dr. Bjorkman agreed that when agencies want to see matching funds, tuition waivers are particularly helpful.

Information and Discussion Items

Status Update on the College of Graduate Studies Dean Search

Dr. Bjorkman reported the search committee for the Graduate Dean position has a short list of candidates and is requesting reference letters. They will conduct short interviews with about six candidates over the next couple of weeks. She expects there will be time allotted in the interview schedules for the candidates to meet with the Graduate Council.

Full-Time Enrollment Summer 2008

Dr. Hefzy asked what will be considered full-time enrollment in the summer. Dr. Theodosiou clarified that 9 – 11 hours will be considered full-time in the summer.

Standing Committee Reports

Report of the Curriculum Committee

Dr. Relue distributed a draft syllabus for required information for graduate course proposals (attached).

[Motion: the Syllabus Template for Graduate Courses with minor revisions was unanimously approved.]

Dr. Relue brought forward to Graduate Council for discussion the issue of cross-listing courses at the 3000/5000 level. Currently, 3000/5000 cross-listing is strongly discouraged as it negatively impacts North Central Accreditation of the University. The curriculum committee is looking for written policy on this issue.

Council was in general agreement that a drastic difference exists in a student's ability to comprehend and synthesize material when introduced at the 3000 level as compared to the 5000 level. As a result, cross-listing between 3000 and 5000 level courses is not academically compelling. Graduate students who are deficient in course material at the 3000-level should complete this material as necessary without receiving credit toward their graduate degree program.

[Motion: GC will not approve the cross-listing of 3000/5000 level courses. Vote: unanimously approved.]

On behalf of the Graduate Curriculum Committee, Dr. Relue presented the committee's recommendations. Council ratified the recommendations of the committee. The following graduate proposals were approved.

PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS

BUS	MGMT	M.B.A. Specialization in Human Resource Management
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Chemistry for LAMP
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Earth and Space Science for LAMP
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Foreign Language, French, for LAMP
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Foreign Language, German, for LAMP
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Foreign Language, Spanish, for LAMP
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Integrated Language Arts for LAMP
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Integrated Mathematics for LAMP
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Integrated Science for LAMP
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Integrated Social Studies for LAMP
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Life Science for LAMP
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Middle Childhood Mathematics and Science for LAMP
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Middle Childhood, Mathematics and Reading and Language Arts for LAMP
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Middle Childhood, Science, Reading and Language Arts for LAMP
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Middle Childhood, Social Studies and Mathematics for LAMP
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Middle Childhood, Social Studies, and Science for LAMP
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Middle Childhood, Social Studies, Reading and Language Arts for LAMP
EDU	CI	Master of Education in Physics for LAMP

NEW COURSE PROPOSALS

BUS	ACCT	ACCT-5120	External Financial Reporting II	3
ARS	SOC	ANTH-5200	History and Theory in Anthropology	3
ARS	SOC	ANTH-5450	Exploring The City	3
ARS	BIOL	BIOL-6250	Signaling in the Nervous System	3
ARS	BIOL	BIOL-6260	Topics in Cancer Biology	3
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ARS	BIOL	BIOL-8260	Topics in Cancer Biology	3
BUS	BUS	BUAD-6920	Specialization Internship Opportunity	1-4
BUS	BUS	BUAD-6940	Business Project Workshop	1-4
BUS	BUS	BUAD-6990	Project-Based Independent Study	1-4
ARS	CHEM	CHEM-6580	Bioinorganic Chemistry	4

ARS	CHEM	CHEM-6940	Graduate Readings in Chemistry	1-2
ARS	CHEM	CHEM-8580	Bioinorganic Chemistry	4
ARS	CHEM	CHEM-8940	Graduate Readings in Chemistry	1
EDU	CI	CI-5650	Mentoring a Preservice Teacher	3
EDU	CI	CI-6650	Advanced Mentorship for Teachers	3
EDU	CI	CI-7650	Mentoring a Preservice Teacher	3
EDU	EDU	CI-8650	Advanced Mentorship	3
ARS	GEPL	GEPL-5420	Quantitative Methods in Geographic Research	4
BUS	MGMT	HURM-6760	Recruitment and Retention	3
BUS	MGMT	HURM-8760	Recruitment and Retention	3
BUS	MGMT	MGMT-6100	Leading Through Ethical Decision-Making	3
BUS	MGMT	MGMT-6150	Leading and Developing Yourself	3
BUS	MGMT	MGMT-6160	Leading With Power and Influence	3
BUS	MGMT	MGMT-6190	Leading Change and Organizational Improvement	3
ARS	PHYS	PHYS-5440	Physics Applications in Medicine II	3
ARS	SOC	SOC-5200	History and Theory in Anthropology	3

COURSE MODIFICATIONS

ARS	CHEM	CHEM-6980	Special Topics in Chemistry
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EDU	CI	CI-6940	Internship in Curriculum and Instruction
ARS	SOC	SOC-5450	Sociology of Cities

Organizational Reports

Report of the Graduate Student Association

Ms. Terri Hayes, Administrative Secretary to the Graduate Council, read the GSA report on behalf of Ms. Anastasia Mirzoyants who was unable to attend the meeting.

The GSA continues to work on the Graduate Students Symposium which will be held in the South Lounge and Ingman Room at the Student Union and AVI will cater the morning refreshments. Ms. Mirzoyants met with the President of the UT chapter of Sigma Xi, Dr. Cyndee Gruden, who assured her that Sigma Xi will advertise the symposium to their students and faculty and might also be able to donate some money to the symposium budget. They have applied for a \$1,600 budget with the Office of Dean of Students and will wait for a response. This week a GSA working group is going to the Health Sciences Campus to exchange ideas with their GSA and to promote the symposium.

They are currently working on rubrics for the poster contest. The GSA is seeking a group of 4 – 5 faculty judges and would welcome members of the Graduate Council to help in this capacity. The GSA asks Graduate Council to encourage their students to participate in the symposium. The initial deadline for proposals is April 12, but will be extended to April 19th.

Dr. Theodosiou added that this first symposium is a pilot and in the future will be a joint effort in collaboration with the HSC symposium.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Election of Officers to Graduate Council for the 2008-2009 Academic Year

Dr. Dowd asked for Council input on election of officers to Graduate Council for the 2008-2009 academic year. Elections to Graduate Council has already occurred, but not yet for officers. There is still work to be done on the bylaws and to bring graduate faculty together. Members to Graduate Council could be expanded

Council discussed options including possibly suspending elections until early-Fall to allow the HSC faculty to participate in the one Graduate Council. Given that HSC faculty are 12-month faculty and MC faculty are generally 9-month, a vote that may need to occur before the summer. Also, there would need to be revision updates to Constitution as it references the titles of Dean and Senior Associate Dean. In order for there to be leadership in place in the summer and continuity in the fall, elections would be necessary.

Dr. Barlowe stated that given that the merger of the senates took 20 months with 15 people working every week to get to that point, particularly with curriculum, it makes sense there be continuity. Dr. Theodosiou pointed out that officers would need to commit to be here and meet in the summer. Dr. Dowd added that since a Graduate Dean will be in place July 1st the Graduate Council Executive Committee needs to be present to help smooth the transition for the new dean.

Announcement

Dr. Komuniecki announced an upcoming public lecture on April 17th by Dr. Zena Werb, an internationally recognized breast cancer specialist.

Adjournment

There being no further business the Council adjourned at 1:53 p.m.