

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
October 19, 2011

The Graduate Council met on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at 3:30 p.m. in room 103 Conner Hall.

Members present: Gary Barrett, Michelle Carney, Todd Dinkelman, Mark Estes, Jenny Gaver, Tarek Grantham, Andreas Handel, Carole Henry, Shelley Hooks, David Hurley, JooYoung Kim, Barbara McCaskill, Hal Rainey, Leara Rhodes, Anne Summers, Norman Thomson, Alfie Vick, and Janet Westpheling. Maureen Grasso, Libby Johnson, Cheri Bliss, Robin Bingham, and Deanna Knight represented the Graduate School. The Graduate Student Association was represented by Zac Watne, GSA Secretary.

Members absent: Robert Bringolf, Miguel Cabrera, Susana Ferreira, Brian Forschler, Paul Hendrix, Paul Irvine, Thomas Lessl, William McCormick, Wendy Ruona, Catherine White, Lesley White, and David Wright.

Dean Grasso called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes of the September 21, 2011, Graduate Council meeting were approved as posted on the Graduate School Web site.

Graduate Council Committees Reports and Action Items

A. Program Committee

Committee Report (Carole Henry, Chair)

The committee met on October 11, 2011. The committee recommended approval of the following:

1. At the request of the Department of Infectious Diseases, a proposal to terminate the MS degree in infectious diseases. After discussion, the motion passed.
2. At the request of the Department of Language & Literacy Education, a request for major name changes as follows:

FROM: MAT in foreign language education

TO: MAT in world language education

FROM: MEd in teaching additional languages

TO: MEd in TESOL & world language education

After discussion, the motion passed.

3. At the request of the Department of Population Health, a proposal to offer a

- Graduate Certificate in Avian Health. After discussion, the motion passed.
4. At the request of the College of Environment & Design, a proposal to offer the Master of Environmental Planning & Design (MEPD) degree with a non-thesis option. After discussion, the motion passed.
 5. At the request of the College of Environment & Design, a proposal to offer the Master of Environmental Planning & Design (MEPD) degree as an external degree at Gwinnett. After discussion, the motion passed.

B. Administrative Committee

Committee Report (David Wright, Chair; Dean Grasso substituting for chair)

The committee had not met since the last meeting of the Council.

C. Admission and Retention Committee

Committee Report (Jenny Gaver, Chair)

The committee had not met since the last meeting of the Council.

D. Appointment and Reappointment Committee

Committee Report (Thomas Lessl, Chair; Dean Grasso substituting for chair)

The committee had not met since the last meeting of the Council.

E. Curriculum Committee

Committee Report (Alfie Vick, Chair)

The committee approved 19 new courses and 20 course change applications since the last meeting of the Council. The committee returned 2 course applications back to the course originators for further information.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Dean Grasso mentioned the following:

1. Fifth Annual Strategic Leaders Global Summit, The University of Hong Kong - Principles and Practices for Building Pathways from Graduate School to Careers, October

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.