

# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2010

Members Present: Jones, Jeanneine – Middle, Secondary and K-12 Education  
Kulkarni, Shanti – Social Work  
McGregor, Rob Roy – Economics Department (Graduate Council Chair)  
Poler, Jordan (Chemistry) alternate for Todd Steck (BIOL)  
Reynolds, Tom – Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School  
Schneider, Stan (BIOL) alternate for Greg Mixon (Hist)  
Sell, Susan (Graduate School) alternate for Dean Tom Reynolds  
Scheid, Teresa (SOCY) alternate for Tony Jackson (Engl)  
Sharif, Kashif for Manouchehrabadi, Mahnaz - GPSG Student Representative  
Teng, Gary – Engineering Management

Absent: Erevelles, Sunil - Marketing  
Gray, Lee – Arts + Architecture  
Mays, Larry – Bioinformatics & Genomics  
Mozenter, Frada – Atkins Library

Also Attending: DiBiase, Warren – Middle, Secondary & K-12  
Hancock, Dawson – Educational Leadership  
Hinson, Janice – Reading and Elementary Ed  
Jaus, Vicki – Dean’s Office, College of Education  
Lee, Delores – Educational Leadership  
Luce, Christy – Reading and Elementary Ed  
Salas, Spencer – Middle, Secondary & K-12  
Sell, Susan – Graduate School  
Vintinner, Jean – Reading and Elementary Ed  
Watson, Johnna – Graduate School  
Zenk, Leslie – Academic Affairs

I. Approval of the November 2, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Chair McGregor called the meeting to order.

Chair McGregor asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2010 meeting minutes. Chair McGregor submitted revisions to the minutes on page 2, Section V, 6<sup>th</sup> sentence: change the word minutes to proposal, Section VII, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence, add Signal Processing after 4222 Multidimensional and add Multidimensional Signal Processing after 5222. There being no further comments, the Chair called for the motion to approve the minutes with the two revisions. Teng made the motion with a second from Schneider. The motion was approved unanimously.

## II. Report of the Chair

Chair McGregor had one item to discuss which was procedural. If a graduate level course is established and Undergraduate students want to take the class, how is this done? A discussion took place and the Council decided that a long form would be required to establish a new Undergraduate course, but a short form could be used to cross list the Graduate Course to it. The Chair called for the motion to approve the procedure. Scheid made the motion with a second from Teng. The motion was approved unanimously.

## III. Report of the Dean

- There will be a system-wide Graduate Council meeting in Chapel Hill on Friday, December 10. At that meeting our request to establish the PhD in Bioinformatics will be considered by the Council.

- New programs for next fall will include:

MA in Anthropology  
Master in Fire Safety  
Masters in Construction Management

Hopefully:

Bioinformatics PhD  
PSM in Health Informatics

- 61 doctoral students are eligible to participate in the December Graduation Ceremony. (includes summer graduates 34 fall graduates 31 will participate in the ceremony) Still processing master's graduates so not sure of the numbers but 712 graduate students have applied to graduate for this fall compared to 420 in the fall 2009
- Next semester the Dean would like the Council to consider the issue of Graduate Program review at UNC Charlotte.
  - i. There isn't time to discuss the rationale of this proposal today except to say that presently UNC Charlotte is the only research university in North Carolina that doesn't engage in a regular, systematic review of its graduate programs.
  - ii. Although degree programs are carefully evaluated and reviewed at the time they are proposed, once they are approved, they may never be evaluated again.
  - iii. Since graduate programs are dynamic due to changes that occur as faculty come and go, student applicant pools increase or decline, and academic disciplines naturally evolve, it is important that all graduate degree programs should undergo evaluation by the University on a regular basis.
  - iv. Five of our doctoral programs were part of the NRC survey of the Research Doctorate that was recently completed and this review might serve as a model for graduate program assessment.

## IV. Course and Curriculum Proposals:

- a. CSLG 10-25-10: Establishment of a Specialty in Addictions Counseling  
Chair McGregor called for the motion to consider. Schneider made the motion with a second from Scheid. A discussion took place and several questions were raised. Since there was no one in

attendance to field the questions Chair McGregor asked if the Council would like to defer approving for a re-write. The motion was made by Scheid and a second from Jones.

- b. EDLD 10-19-10: Revised Graduate Certificate in School Leadership  
Dawson Hancock and Delores Lee were present to represent the Ed Leadership department. Chair McGregor called for a motion to consider. Scheid made the motion with a second from Kulkarni. A discussion took place. With no further comments, Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion was made by Scheid with a second from Schneider. The motion was approved unanimously.
- c. MDSK 4-9-2010: Curriculum, Teaching and Contemporary Issues in Education  
Warren DiBiase and Spencer Salas were present to represent the MDSK department. Chair McGregor called for a motion to consider. Scheid made the motion with a second from Teng. A discussion took place. With no further comments, Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion was made by Scheid with a second from Schneider. The motion was approved unanimously.
- d. MDSK 04-09-10a: Modification of Catalog Copy of TESL 6476 – Advanced Pedagogy in Teaching English as a Second Language  
Warren DiBiase was present to represent the MDSK department. Chair McGregor called for a motion to consider. Scheid made the motion with a second from Kulkarni. A discussion took place. One question was raised to note cross listing for FLED and TESL courses in the catalog copy. With no further comments, Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve the proposal with the one editorial revision. The motion was made by Scheid with a second from Kulkarni. The motion was approved unanimously.
- e. MDSK 6-3-2010: TESL 6206 Globalization, Communities and Schools – new course  
Warren DiBiase was present to represent the MDSK department. Chair McGregor called for a motion to consider. Kulkarni made the motion with a second from Scheid. A discussion took place. With no further comments, Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion was made by Scheid with a second from Schneider. The motion was approved unanimously.
- f. REEL 3-19-10a: Revised Graduate Program in Reading Education  
Jan Hinson, Christy Luce and Jean Vintinner were present to represent the Reading and Elementary Ed department. Chair McGregor called for a motion to consider. Scheid made the motion with a second from Teng. A discussion took place. With no further comments, Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion was made by Scheid with a second from Kulkarni. The motion was approved unanimously.
- g. REEL 3-19-2010b: Proposal of Reading and Elementary Education  
Jan Hinson, Christy Luce and Jean Vintinner were present to represent the Reading and Elementary Ed department. Chair McGregor called for a motion to consider. Schneider made the motion with a second from Scheid. A discussion took place. With no further comments, Chair McGregor called for a motion to approve the proposal as submitted. The motion was made by Scheid with a second from Kulkarni. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Reports from the subcommittees:

Standards & Assessment: no report.

Planning: no report

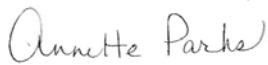
Course & Curriculum: no report

VI. Other Business

Chair McGregor discussed the possibility of holding a meeting in January. A discussion took place and the committee agreed to meet on January 11, 2011. There will not be any course proposals to consider at this meeting, only the approval of the December 7 meeting minutes and the discussion of the possibility of implementing a graduate program review at UNC Charlotte.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Annette Parks  
Secretary to the Graduate Council