

## **GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**

**CHAIR**ED BY: David S. Chapman **TIME**: 3:00 p.m.

**DATE**: November 27, 2006 **PLACE**: 300 Park Building

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**: Steven Bealer, Ann Marie Breznay, Nicki Camp, Julie Fritz, John Hollerbach, John McDonnell, Pat Murphy, Sally Planalp, Kevin Rathunde, Mary Jane Taylor, Richard Wacko, Robert Young

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT**: David Chapman, Fred Rhodewalt, Lisa Blair, the Graduate School

**EXCUSED**: William Hesterly, Erich Peterson

### **FINAL AGENDA**

1. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the October 30, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously as distributed.

2. **Proposal to Create an Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate, Integrated Petroleum and Environmental Geosystems (IPEG)**

Milind D. Deo of the College of Engineering, Richard Jerrard of the Department of Geology and Geophysics, and Ray Levey of EGI and the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering presented a proposal to develop a certificate program for Integrated Petroleum and Environmental Geosystems (IPEG), which was first brought to the Graduate Council in January 2006.

When the proposal was first considered by the Council, the following revisions were requested by the Council: a) the nature of the undergraduate portion of the certificate be clearly differentiated from the graduate portion; b) the proposed financial incentive for students be eliminated; c) a support letter from the Marriott Library be submitted; d) a core course or capstone project be included in the program; and e) the interdisciplinary nature of the program be further explained.

The core current proposal does not include any of the requested revisions, and the same questions remain.

The Council held a prolonged question session with the presenters and discussed the proposal in considerable detail. The Council was displeased that few of the requested revisions were implemented, and the proposal overall still lacks intellectual coherence.

Although the Council expressed support for the concept of an integrated graduate certificate involving petroleum systems and the environment, the current proposal was judged to have serious flaws. We still believe, as previously suggested, that an integrated systems certificate would be strengthened by at least a cohort course and a capstone experience.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** Reject the proposed graduate certificate in Integrated Petroleum and Environmental Geosystems.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** Inform the College of Engineering, the Department of Geology and Geophysics, and the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (including EGI) of the Graduate Council decision not to approve the proposed certificate.

3. **Proposal to Create the Graduate Degree in Doctor of Nursing Practice**

Susan Beck and Patricia Murphy of the College of Nursing presented the proposal to create a graduate degree Doctor of Nursing Practice.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing has mandated that the currently level of preparation necessary for advanced practice nursing practice roles be moved from the master's to the practice doctorate by the year 2015. Having observed the transition in the three other programs with a doctorate of nursing practice in place, the College of Nursing is ready to implement the new degree. The College of Nursing has a tradition of being at the forefront of such curricular reform.

After the proposal was presented and questions from the Council answered, Pat Murphy was excused from the discussion among the Council.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** Approve the proposal to create a graduate degree in Doctor of Nursing Practice

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** Request the College of Nursing create a section in the proposal explicitly addressing the plan for joint degrees Doctor of Nursing Practice with Masters in Healthcare Administration and Doctor of Nursing Practice with Master's in Public Health. Inform College of Nursing of the Graduate Council approval of the graduate degree in Doctor of Nursing Practice and two joint degrees.

4. **Review of the Division of Nutrition, College of Health**

The review of the Division of Nutrition, College of Health will be considered at the next Graduate Council meeting.