

## GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

November 29, 2007

The Graduate Council met November 29, 2007 in Room 104 Gillis Bldg. Dr. Blackwell presided.

### Members Present:

Dr. Anibal Biglieri  
Dr. Geza Bruckner  
Carla Childers  
Dr. Robin Cooper  
Dr. Dwight Denison  
Dr. Janet Ford  
Dr. Daniel Gargola  
Dr. Robert Geneve  
Dr. Robert Jensen  
Dr. Xin Ma  
Dr. Todd Porter  
Sarah Riley  
Dr. Christopher Schardl  
Dr. Susan Scollay  
Dr. Frank Scott  
Dr. William Smith  
Dr. Brett Spear  
Dr. Dexter Speck  
Dr. Kert Viele  
Dr. Andrew Wood

### Members Absent:

Dr. Peter Hislop (on sabbatical)

### HCCC Representative:

TBA

### SC Representative:

TBA

### Guests:

Provost Subbaswamy  
Dr. Susan Michelman

### **Discussion** (guest for Discussion: Provost Subbaswamy)

#### Increasing Doctoral Enrollment

Provost Subbaswamy discussed with Council the issues involved in increasing graduate, and specifically doctoral enrollment to meet the demands of the Top 20 Business Plan. First he mentioned that the quantitative measures for success were exactly that – measures. The University may reconsider and refine those measures as needed. He was concerned that we grow in areas of excellence, where there is demonstrated need, and that we not grow doctoral merely on the basis of undergraduate instructional demand.

The Provost reiterated his intent at this time to support modest doctoral growth when it will not demand increased resources. He is willing to consider tuition scholarships for those programs, which can grow doctoral enrollment without needing new faculty resources. He is

particularly interested in supporting programs which can win stipends from agencies and foundations that refuse to pay tuition.

Council members raised concerns about how decisions would be made on resource allocation based on excellence. They mentioned the planned revisions in the undergraduate general studies requirements and how that could affect doctoral support packages. The Provost responded that he will strive to have decision-making be transparent.

The Provost also discussed international student enrollments and agreements with international universities. He sees this as an area for increased growth in graduate programs.

#### I. Action Items for November 29

##### A. Programs

1. Dr. Michelman presented to the Council the new program Merchandising, Apparel & Textiles and the related MAT courses: MAT 520, Textile for Interiors, MAT 600, Research Methodology in Human Environmental Sciences, MAT 650, Survey of Current Theories and Literature, MAT 700, Research Problems in Interior Design, Merchandising, and Textiles, MAT 748, Master's Thesis Research, MAT 768, Residence Credit for the Master's Degree MAT 772, Seminar in Interior Design, Merchandising, and Textiles, MAT 785, Independent Study in Merchandising, Apparel, and Textiles to the Council. Dr. Jensen made the motion to approve the new program, Master of Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles along with the related courses. The motion was seconded by Dr. Scollay and unanimously approved.

##### B. Courses

1. Dr. Wood presented and made the motion to approve the new course PA 662 Non-Profit Management. The motion was seconded by Dr. Schardl and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 2:30 p.m.

Items Passed by Consent Agenda:

Minutes from November 8, 2007  
BIO 609 Population and Community Ecology

#### New Graduate Faculty Membership

DispNameLastFirst	GFProgDesc	GFMembership
Adams, Robert J., Ph.D.	Electrical Engineering	FULL
Talbert, Jeffery C., Ph.D.	Pharmaceutical Sciences	FULL
Wujcik, Len F.	Architecture	FULL
Barrett, Edward R., Ph.D.	English	ASSO
Cho, Wonbin, Ph.D.	Political Science	ASSO
Dennis, Andrea L.	Psychology	ASSO

Jo, Misung, Ph.D.	Pharmacology	ASSO
Oleka, Sam O., Dr.	Musicology	ASSO
Sandford, Jeremy, PhD	Economics	ASSO
Shea, Paul, PhD	Economics	ASSO
Stoops, William W., Ph.D.	Psychology	ASSO
Strickland, James R., Ph.D.	Entomology	ASSO
Suarez, Juana, Ph.D	Hispanic Studies	ASSO
Sunkara, Mahendra, Dr.	Mechanical Engineering	ASSO
Thyne, Clayton L., M.A.	Political Science	ASSO
Wedeking, Justin P., Ph.D.	Political Science	ASSO
Yu, Jihai, PhD	Economics	ASSO

## APPROVALS

## PROPOSALS AND PROGRAMS

### Rationale for program change

Currently, UK offers a Master's Degree in (IDMT) Interior Design, Merchandising and Textiles (CIP 50.0499). This program has two options: one option emphasizes interior design and the other option emphasizes merchandising and apparel. The IDMT program is one that remains after the dissolution of the College of Human Environmental Sciences. The interior design option belongs in the College of Design where Interior Design located after a split with Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles at the undergraduate level in approximately 2001. The other option belongs in the College of Agriculture where the Department Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles (MAT) was relocated as part of the School of Human Environmental Sciences.

The plan is to separate these two options into two separate Master's Degrees. Those students in the interior design option will continue to work toward a Master's in Interior Design with CIP 50.0499; those students in the MAT option will continue to work toward a Master's in MAT with CIP 19.0203. The MAT master's will make very small curriculum changes (see attached).

This plan will be to split a degree program with two options into two degree programs. There will be no need for additional resources and student enrollment will continue within each of the degree programs that use to be two options of a single degree program. This is a reconfiguration of an existing program.

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November 8, 2007

MEMO

To: Dr. Jeannine Blackwell  
Dean, Graduate School

From: Mike Mullen   
Associate Dean

Re: Graduate Program in MAT

The proposals for the split of the IDMT MS program, resulting in an MS in Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles have been examined and approved by the college of agriculture.

The College Graduate Curriculum Committee examined the proposal, and voted 7-0 in favor on October 29, 2007. There was no opposition or discussion of this and all members of the committee were solidly in favor of the proposal.

The essence of this proposal is to "create" the MAT MS degree from the current IDMT program. Concurrent with this change is the editorial change in course prefix from DMT to MAT for current courses in the MAT program. I consider these to be minor changes.

Old Designation	New Designation
DMT 520	MAT 520
DMT 600	MAT 600
DMT 650	MAT 650
DMT 700	MAT 700
DMT 748	MAT 748
DMT 768	MAT 768
DMT 772	MAT 772
DMT 785	MAT 785

We look forward to hearing of the outcome of the Graduate Council discussions.

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