

Graduate Council Minutes  
September 18, 2008

The Graduate Council met on Thursday, September 18, 2008 in Room 104 Gillis Building. Dr. Brian Jackson presided over the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:06pm.

Members Present

Dr. Janet Almasi	Dr. Chris Schardl
Dr. David Berry	Dr. Brett Spear
Dr. Anibal Biglieri	Dr. Thomas Troland
Dr. Geza Bruckner	Dr. Kurt Viele
Dr. Dwight Denison	
Dr. Rebecca Dutch	
Dr. Janet Ford	
Mr. Clint Jones	
Dr. Kim Miller	

Members Absent

Dr. Stayc DuBravac  
Dr. Dan Gargola  
Dr. Robert Geneve  
Dr. Robert Jensen  
Dr. Jim Pauly  
Ms. Angela Schoergerdorfer  
Dr. Frank Scott  
Dr. William Smith

## Action Items

### A. Programs

#### 1. Master's in Athletic Training

Athletic Training (AT) had previously received approval for new courses. The present proposal clarifies inclusion of these courses in the master's program. The rationale for the change involves accreditation requirements.

**Motion to approve the program change made by Dr. Spear and seconded by Dr. Bruckner. Vote unanimous for approval**

#### 2. Global Health Certificate

The goal of the new graduate certificate program in global health (hereafter referred to as GH program) is to provide a general foundation in the understanding of global health issues and the complex multiplicity of factors that affect them, and to provide some basic tools in health assessment methods to measure their impact. Given the widespread globalized nature of our world today, there is an increasing need for understanding the impact of globalization on health, both in terms of health patterns common across regions, and in terms of how what were once considered focal, limited local issues can transcend national and continental borders. The GH program is designed to prepare students for the increasing demand for international, interdisciplinary skills in the areas of public health prevention, health care and other health related disciplines. The GH program will include a minimum of 15 credit hours - 12 of classroom coursework and 3 based on a required international internship course. The GH program will be housed in the College of Public Health, but it is intended to be multi-disciplinary and open to a variety of graduate students in any of the health sciences or other disciplines across campus. It will also be available to professionals or other college graduates interested in obtaining this additional training.

**Motion to approve the certificate was made by Dr. Spear and seconded by Dr. Schardl. Vote unanimous.**

#### 3. PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences

This is a request to re-organize the Rehabilitation Science Doctoral Program. The faculty voted to eliminate tracks from the core description and replace tracks with "areas of concentration" based on faculty research expertise. For example students would focus their area of concentration in speech and voice physiology or neuro-musculoskeletal movement dysfunction. Rationale for this change is that the tracks

concept has become restrictive and unresponsive to the expanding research and scholarly/teaching expertise of the faculty. By redefining tracks, the strengths of faculty and their respective research interests can be highlighted, thereby providing the best possible experience to potential students.

**Motion to approve the program changes contingent upon the approval of RHB 720 made by Dr. Spear and seconded by Dr. Bruckner. Vote was unanimous**

## **B. Courses**

### 4. CE 507, Construction, Safety & Health

This is a request for a new course that will examine the terminology of safety; the cost impact of poor safety; accident/incident causation; hazard identification and analysis; risk mitigation and control; accident investigation; safety training; design of safety programs; safety culture and climate; and safety certification;

**Motion to approve of the course made by Dr. Viele; Dr. Denison seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.**

### 5. CPH 751, Introduction to Global Public Health

This is a new course which is a requirement for the Global Health Certificate. This course will acquaint students with the major issues and challenges for public health in a variety of wealthy, emerging, and impoverished nations and with the impact of local or regional issues on national and global levels.

**Motion to approve contingent upon obtaining a grading scale and the course syllabus by Dr. Spear; Dr. Bruckner seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.**

### 6. CPH 709, Global Health Internship

This is a new internship course required for the Graduate Certificate in Global Health. This course will consist of an internship in a foreign country, preferably in a resource-limited setting. Students will have both a University of Kentucky and a local mentor, and will develop a plan for participating in some type of health-related project or activity during a four-week period. A paper or presentation summarizing the key components of the internship experience will be submitted upon returning to the Lexington campus. A grading scale needs to be added for the course.

**Motion to approve the course made by Dr. Spear; Dr. Bruckner seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.**

7. PHR 620, Biosynthesis of Natural Products

This is a new course that is designed for graduate students in chemistry, biochemistry and pharmacy. This course will introduce students to the general families of secondary metabolites, typically called "natural products" and their biosynthesis as well as techniques used to study these compounds.

**Motion to approve the course made by Dr. Bruckner; Dr. Dutch seconded the motion-unanimous vote. One minor administrative change—statement should be added to read ‘that undergraduates may enroll in this course with the approval of the course director and the Graduate School.’**

8. RHB 712, Critical Appraisal of Research in Rehabilitation Sciences

This new course will introduce the student to critical appraisal of all forms of research in the Rehabilitation Sciences. The purpose of this course is to further develop the student's competence in carrying out and evaluating research. In this course, the student will develop the skills necessary to find, critically evaluate, and synthesize the available research in order to answer an individual research question, including bench top to community based research.

**Motion to approve course made by Dr. Spear; Dr. Bruckner seconded the motion to accept the course. Two minor administrative changes need to occur—under withdrawals and incompletes. Students will receive an E grade (not F); and under grading, show E > 70 points. The vote was unanimous.**

9. RHB 720, Research in the Rehabilitation Sciences

**Dr. Pauly was not available to present course and no action take; tabled until October 2, 2008 meeting.**

10. RSC 767, Reproductive Sciences Post-Qualifying Research

**Tabled pending approval of Ph.D. in Reproductive Sciences Program.**

**C. Time Extensions**

None

**D. Graduate Faculty Appointments**

None

The meeting adjourned at 2:20pm