



**Graduate Council
Annual Report
July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002**

1. NEW GRADUATE PROGRAMS

a. COLLABORATION FOR SECONDARY TEACHER PREPARATION

Dr. Eric Follo, from the School of Education and Human Services, presented a proposal at the October 10, 2001 meeting to establish a new collaboration with Bloomfield Hills and Macomb County school districts. This new program would include the awarding of a Master of Arts in Teaching with initial teacher certification at the secondary education level. Students in the program would be teacher certified after completion of their 2nd year. It is expected that these individuals would seek teaching positions and get teaching experience before returning to OU to complete the MAT.

Approved by the Graduate Council on November 7, 2001 with the stipulation that a formal report be submitted to Graduate Council one year after implementation.

b. SPECIALIZATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

At the meeting on February 13, 2002, Dr. Sandra Packard, from the School of Education and Human Services, presented a proposal for a "concentration" in Higher Education. The concentration is designed for doctoral students who are enrolled in the doctoral program in Educational Leadership and interested in creating a focus on higher education administration. The concentration requires 28 credits, with 4 elective credits, and 100 hours of internship. Dr. Packard anticipates presenting a variation of this proposal to the Graduate Council in Fall 2002 designed to meet requirements for a Graduate Certificate program.

Approved by the Graduate Council on March 13, 2002.

2. GRADUATE PROGRAM CHANGES

a. NAME CHANGE IN NURSING ADULT HEALTH

At the meeting on February 13, 2002, the School of Nursing requested changing the name of the MSN in Nursing Adult Health program to the MSN in Clinical Nurse Specialist program. Dr. Kate Vincent, Associate Dean of Nursing, explained to Graduate Council that the American Nurse Association divides advanced practice registered nursing into the roles of clinical nurse specialist, nurse anesthetist, nurse-midwife and nurse practitioner. A change in title of this program would bring the name of Oakland University's program in line with the role, as defined by the ANA, for which it was intended to serve.

Approved by the Graduate Council on February 13, 2002 with an effective date of Fall 2002.

3. GRADUATE PROGRAM REVIEWS

a. MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Graduate Council Review Team - Dr. Eric Follo and Dr. John McEaney

b. MASTER IN MUSIC

Graduate Council Review Team - Dr. Frances Jackson and Dr. Gary Barber

c. MASTER OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS

Graduate Council Review Team - Dr. Randy Gu and Dr. Mohinder Parkash

A coordinated schedule, designed to combine Undergraduate program reviews, Graduate program reviews and professional accreditation, was initiated during the 1998-1999 academic year. As the result, Graduate Council was scheduled to review three (3) graduate programs during the 2001-2002 academic year. There has been much confusion surrounding implementation of the calendar, required graduate content and report format. Upon preliminary review of the submitted reports, it was apparent that lack of clarity had compromised the graduate components in the documents. Three (3) Graduate Council review teams were appointed to determine whether these program reviews met criteria as published in the current graduate guidelines. Independently each review team reported similar difficulties:

- ∞ Since reviews were written using Undergraduate program review guidelines and format, much of the information incorporated on graduate programs was missing or difficult to extract.
- ∞ The complex process of identifying and untangling pertinent graduate information in these reports, presented issues deciphering and labeling legitimate problem areas.

- ∞ Program goals, the mission statement, learning objectives and assessment data were just a few areas defined by the review teams as being embedded and hard to interpret.
- ∞ Each review team outlined several areas where supplemental information from departments was necessary before the team could begin their evaluation for compliance with graduate criteria objectives.
- ∞ Based on the review documents provided to Graduate Council, each review team expressed concerns in preparing a final program review report for submission to Graduate Council.

Graduate Council recommended delaying submission of final program review reports until the next academic year. A Graduate Council subcommittee was appointed by Dr. Randal Hansen to review existing graduate guidelines and meet with the Review Teams to identify issues impeding the graduate review process. Members of the subcommittee include: Kathleen Moore (chairperson), Mukesh Bhargava, Kris Condic, Ishwar Sethi, Fikki Shillor, Chris Stiller, and Claire Rammel.

4. GRADUATE POLICIES

a. *NEW GRADUATE COURSE APPROVAL FOR EXISTING GRADUATE PROGRAMS*

PURPOSE

To define policy and procedures regarding the creation or modification of graduate courses in academic departments authorized to offer graduate programs.

Approved by Graduate Council January 16, 2002

b. *NEW GRADUATE COURSE APPROVAL FOR AREAS WITHOUT GRADUATE DEGREES*

PURPOSE

To define policy and procedures regarding the creation or modification of graduate courses in academic departments not authorized to offer graduate degrees.

Approved by Graduate Council January 16, 2002

c. *DISSERTATION/THESIS PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS POLICY*

PURPOSE

To define policy and procedures regarding requirements in the thesis/dissertation process.

Approved by Graduate Council February 13, 2002

d. GRADUATE NON-MATRICULATING ADMISSION POLICY

PURPOSE

To define policy and procedures regarding applicants to Oakland University who wish to enroll in graduate courses, but do NOT wish to be admitted to a graduate program.

Approved by Graduate Council June 14, 2002

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. PRESENTATION OF GRADUATE COUNCIL WEB SITE

On January 16, 2002 a presentation was made on the new Graduate Council web site. The web site will enable documents to be centrally located and accessible to the public as well as a secured site for Graduate Council members.

b. GRADUATE NOMENCLATURE

At the February 13, 2002 meeting, Ms. Claire Rammel submitted a proposal to define graduate level nomenclature. The taxonomy was developed using current practice in graduate degrees at Oakland University and benchmarked against other universities by discipline. With the rapid expansion of new graduate programs, Graduate Council is searching for clarification of graduate program nomenclature.

c. DEDICATION OF THE GRADUATE ADMISSIONS AND STUDENT SERVICE CENTER

Graduate Council members attended the dedication on Founders Day, April 17, 2001.

d. THOMAS M COOLEY LAW SCHOOL

Dr. Ranald Hansen reported Thomas M Cooley Law School, located in Lansing Michigan is interested in establishing a remote site in Oakland County. Cooley has approached Oakland University to discuss collaborative opportunities. Dr. Hansen clarified the degree would NOT be an Oakland University degree and would not directly involve OU faculty. It is anticipated that other degree programs, such as a LLM in taxation and a LLM in intellectual properties, would be developed. Dr. Hansen indicated those program would follow the OU governance process, requiring Graduate Council to review and recommend approval.