

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

April 28, 2004

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Approved:

Present: Ronald Sudol, Lisa Hawley, Krzystof Kobus, Kathleen Moore, Mildred Merz, Sherri Oden, Claire Rammel, Darlene Schott-Baer, Kris Thompson. **Absent:** Ishwar Sethi, Vincent Khapoya, Mohinder Parkash, **Guests:** Robert Wiggins, Michael Long **Staff:** Julie Delaney, Lynette Folken

Call to Order

This meeting was convened at 2:06 p.m. by Ronald Sudol, Associate Provost.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the April 14th meeting were delayed until May 12th

II. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Graduate Council Appointees to Research Committee Ron Sudol reported that Lawrence Lilleston will serve as an appointee on the Research Committee. The second appointee position is still open, and Mr. Sudol asked the Council members to email any nominations. Cooley Update The Federal judge took jurisdiction from the American Bar Association (ABA) and counsel and has given ABA the directive to come back with a decision based on merit (which includes site visits). At present, Cooley cannot offer satellite programs at either the Western Michigan University campus or Oakland University campus, and the branch programs are on hold, until the decision has been made. However, Cooley can start its new spring cohort program which includes 75 students.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading Web Usage within courses Graduate Council approved the revised document, "Web Usage Within Courses", presented by Susan Awbrey, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education. Second Reading: Masters in Training and Development Program Revisions Representing the Department of Human Resource Development, Mike Long reported that all applicants would be interviewed and required to submit a supervised writing sample, in keeping with the concerns expressed by some Council members. As requested, Path A and Path B have been replaced with more descriptive names: Instructional Design and Technology and Organizational Development and Leadership. Claire Rammel asked if a comprehension class would be added to replace the project that was being dropped. Mr. Long replied that although a class would not be included, the students will be required to keep a portfolio throughout the last year, as well as pass a competency exam to make sure that they've achieved the desired competencies based upon the track they took. The competency exam requirement was discussed, at length, and Mr. Long, speaking for the HRD department, said that he would drop the comprehensive exam from the list of degree requirements. MOTION was made, seconded and passed to APPROVE the proposed Master's in Training and Development program, with corrections. Second Reading: MAT in Education Program Revisions Claire Rammel opened the discussion by alerting Bob Wiggins to the fact that, at its inception, the MAT in Secondary Education was approved as a pilot program for which Graduate Council had requested a review

in report form at the end of one year. Mr Wiggins provided an oral report, and the members accepted the presentation as satisfying the Council's original request. Mildred Merz reminded Mr. Wiggins that it had been suggested that the major/minor be made a requirement. Mr. Wiggins explained that he didn't want to state that it was an absolute requirement, because the program needs to provide flexibility to students. Students would be appraised of the major/minor, through advising only. Claire Rammel advised Mr. Wiggins of the following: • the STRANDS must be renamed TRACKS, • the program must be included in the graduate catalog, • an updated budget must be submitted, and • the current name of degree must be changed. Darlene Schott-Baer expressed confusion about whether the program before the Council was a revision of the current program or, in fact, was a different program, and suggested that both should be compared before the next meeting on May 12. Ms. Rammel offered to work with Mr. Wiggins to improve the current proposal. Second Reading: Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy (DScPT) program changes Kris Thompson provided answers to questions raised at the first reading. Discussion ensued regarding the ability of students to transfer 36 credits into the program. Claire Rammel reported that the minimum is set at 32 and suggested that Graduate Council should review this policy, at a later date. Ms. Rammel informed Ms. Thompson that, because of the credit reduction, a proforma budget must be submitted. Ron Sudol suggested that the proposal be restructured.

IV. GOOD AND WELFARE

Claire Rammel proposed the re-establishment of a policy subcommittee to work on projects involving grade appeals, theses and dissertations, etc. Ms. Rammel asked for names of possible candidates and suggested that the committee include two or three members of the Graduate Council with the remainder being non-members.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2004.