

## OAKLAND UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES November 7, 2001

Present: Eric Follo, Randy Gu, Ranald Hansen, Frances Jackson, Robert Jarski, John McEneaney, Mildred Merz, Kathleen Moore, Mohinder Parkash, Kristine Thompson Absent: Gary Barber, Michelle Piskulich Staff: Karla Brown, Claire Rammel

1. Call to Order: 2:10 PM by Ranald Hansen, Interim Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Study.

2. Approval of 10/24/01 and 10/31/01 Minutes: The 10/24/01 and 10/31/01 minutes were approved as written.

3. Collaboration for Secondary Teacher Preparation – 2nd Reading: Randy Hansen recapped the discussion held last week. The following items were requested by Graduate Council and distributed: (1) a budget; (2) an annotated list of required courses; (3) language to clarify the additional 4 to 8 credits requirement on Page 5; and (4) an email from Brian Connery, Chairperson of Department of English, summarizing concerns with the MAT program. Eric Follo pointed out the library contribution budget item includes support for leadership journals and books for assessment. Claire Rammel stated her continued concern that applicants can be denied admission, based on critical shortages determined by the school district, without reference to this admission criterion in the proposal. She suggested the proposal be modified to clarify this information on Page 3. Mohinder Parkash questioned why CIL519 was not on the annotated list of required courses. Eric Follo said it was left off in error and will be added. Mohinder also pointed out the budget does not reflect the same number of credit hours as required in the proposal. Eric said he would have this corrected. Mohinder asked why Group 1 was not listed as enrolled for the 3rd year in the budget. Eric indicated students would be certified after completion of the 2nd year. Ideally those students would seek a teaching position and get teaching experience before returning to Oakland University to complete graduate credit hours for the MAT.

Frances Jackson requested clarification on admission criteria for the MAT and what makes it different from STEP. Frances does not believe there is a need for the University to offer two programs that do the same thing with the only apparent difference being the MAT offers classes on weekends and evenings and STEP does not. Frances believes the MAT will be in direct competition with the already existing STEP program. Why do we need another degree to deliver the same product? Eric Follo responded that the MAT provides flexibility for individuals working full-time, which STEP does not offer, and the MAT will serve a lot more people. Frances thought the proposal should address this issue. She believes that if such population distinctions exist, there need to be different admission criteria that clearly define the difference in degree paths. Kris Thompson agreed that population distinctions should be noted.

Frances Jackson made a motion that a report on the MAT is presented to Graduate Council one year after it has been implemented. This report should address specifically the impact the MAT has had on the STEP program by documenting the contrast between populations

in student profile, enrollment and their experience. Kris Thompson seconded the motion and approved 6 in favor with 1 opposed. Eric Follo will provide the Council with an addendum of requested revisions at the next meeting.

Randy called for the vote and the proposal was unanimously approved.

4. Other Business: Randy Hansen introduced Kristine Thompson, representing the School of Health Sciences for Fall 2001; Robert Jarski will remain on Graduate Council, but will abstain from voting during Fall 2001. He will return to full duties on Graduate Council Winter 2002.

John McEneaney and Eric Follo addressed the Council about their assignment to evaluate the program review in English. John McEneaney indicated the current graduate program review guidelines would work for the English review only if Graduate Council supports their request to seek additional materials from the English department. John McEneaney and Eric Follo plan to submit a draft report to the Council at the next meeting that includes a request for further information from the English department. Their preference is to have the request to the department come from Council rather than the review subcommittee.

Frances Jackson reported that the guidelines would not work for the Masters in Music review, even if they requested additional information from the department. Randy asked each of the three review teams to keep track of issues affiliated with the review process so that the subcommittee, charged with creating new graduate guidelines, will have benefit of their input.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM. The meeting on November 21, 2001 has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be December 5, 2001 at 2:00 PM in Room 100 of Kresge Library.