

Summary of the GRADUATE COUNCIL COMBINED REPORT 2007-2008

Reporting period: August 6, 2007 – July 1, 2008

The Graduate Council is comprised of three standing committees, Curriculum, Policy, and Fellowships. The standing committees meet separately monthly and report to the Council on the following monthly Council meeting.

I. Curriculum

Total proposals reviewed:

	<i>Total</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Changes</i>	<i>Terminations</i>
Programs	25	8	15	2
Concentrations	44	15	22	7
Combined Conc.	1	1		
Certificates	28	4	23	1
Courses	158	109	48	1
TOTALS	256	137	108	11

NEW CURRICULUM

New Programs were approved in Urban and Community Design (M.U.C.D.), Real Estate (M.S.), Materials Science and Engineering (M.S.), Pharmacy (PharmD), and Public Health (DrPH).

New Concentrations were approved for four Master's level programs and ten doctoral level programs: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (MS), Health Science (MS), Heritage Studies (MA), Philosophy and Religion (MA in Philosophy), Behavioral Health (DrPH Health), Cell Biology, Microbiology and Molecular Biology (PhD), Clinical and Translational Research (PhD), Environmental Health (Ph.D.), Global Health Practice (DrPH), Health Education (DrPH), Heritage Studies (Ph.D.), Maternal and Child Health (DrPH), Philosophy and Religion (Ph.D. in Philosophy), and Socio-Health Sciences (DrPH).

New Combined Concentrations--1

New Certificates--4

New Courses—98

CURRICULUM CHANGES

Program Changes – 15. These included change of academic home, deletion of electives, changes to curriculum, changes to admission requirements, changes in name, changes to concentration requirements, and one addition of a non-thesis requirement for the terminal M.A.

Certificate Changes—23. These were similar in nature.

Course Changes—50. These are mainly simple changes in title, hours, number, prefix, and so forth.

CURRICULUM TERMINATIONS

Program Terminations – 2. These were in Engineering.

Concentration Terminations—7. These changes were mainly in Biology, but also in English and Public Health.

Certificate Terminations—1 in Process Engineering 6/16/08

General Counsel Policy on Approval of Academic Programs Other than Degrees.

The Committee reviewed the proposed policy and made recommended changes.

The Committee approved a Syllabus Template which is being incorporated into the online course forms. Faculty will submit fewer forms duplicate less data on the different forms. The forms approval process is moving to an electronic submission/approval system for courses, concentrations, and program changes.

II. Policy

Discussion: Copyright and Intellectual Property

Discussion of Copyright and Intellectual Property issues with representatives from the Library and General Counsel including the intricacies of copyright responsibilities and fair use guidelines.

Approved and sent to the Dean of the Graduate School policies on revisions and clarifications of Catalog Choice , Florida Residency Policy for the GA Handbook, Graduate Certificate Policies and Transfer of Credit, a revision to meet accreditation requirements of Institutional Residency, Admission to Candidacy, a review of Regulation: 33-002 Formal Immunization Policy, Recommendations for ETD processes on ETD Mandatory Workshops /Electronic Format Checks, Academic Program Approval Policy, and a revision to address Professional Degrees of Transfer of Credits and Professional Degree Programs.

Reviewed but recommended no specific action policies on Copyright/Intellectual Property, General Counsel: Regulation Review, Enrollment following Admission to Candidacy, Doctoral Degree Conferral upon Final Dissertation Submission, Plus/Minus Grading Addendum, USF 0.615 Employment Post-Retirement, and the Academic Dishonesty policy.

The Council reviewed and tabled for research or tabled pending review the following:

Non-Degree Seeking Student Information:

Course Levels:

Thesis and Dissertation Alternative Formats (Articles, etc.)

Thesis and Dissertation Online Workshop Content

Cross listed 4000/5000 courses

The Proposed changes to policies are online at the Graduate Council Web Site

(http://www.grad.usf.edu/newsite/grad_council/2008/Full%20Council/Annual_report_policy.pdf).

III. Fellowships

The Fellowship committee nominated 16 students for awards: one for the Ann Winch Fellowship, six for Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation Awards (Dissertation - \$800, Thesis-\$400), eight Presidential Fellows from 29 nominees, and two Council of Graduate Schools Dissertation Awards.

This is an intensive process, and lasts from October to December.