



**Graduate Council Meeting - Minutes
June 20, 2002**

Graduate Council Members:

Ken Bowers, College of Letters & Science (Mathematics)

Janice Bowman, College of Agriculture (Animal & Range Sciences)

Doug Cairns, College of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering)

Marc Giullian, College of Business

Richard Helzer, College of Arts & Architecture (Art)

Bruce McLeod, Graduate Dean

Gretchen McNeely, College of Nursing

Alison Spain, Graduate Students (Art)

Craig Stewart, College of Education, Health & Human Development (HHD)

Present: Chair Bruce McLeod, Richard Helzer, Gretchen McNeely, Craig Stewart, Mark Giullian, Ken Bowers, Durward Sobek for Doug Cairns, Rebecca Ward (College of Graduate Studies), Maggie Gudatis (College of Graduate Studies) Donna Negaard (College of Graduate Studies), Ellen Kreighbaum (College of Health and Human Development), Sandy Osborne (College of Health and Human Development) and Anneke Metze (Complex Biological Systems certification)

Graduate Council Items:

Item 1: Great Plains IDEA (GP-IDEA) presentation (Involves Health and Human Development's Family

Financial Planning, Gerontology, Youth Development) – Dr. Ellen Kreighbaum.

Kreighbaum presented an overview of the GP-IDEA program. This presentation was put together for President Gamble, and David Dooley. Part of the presentation includes a video by K-State explaining the GP-IDEA. The main points brought out in the video were to 1) Behave as equals, 2) Respect Institutional Differences, and 3) Simplify Student Navigation in obtaining a degree. A link to the presentation is at www.montana.edu/wwwdg/committees.shtml

The GP-IDEA programs would be self-sufficient with tuition charged to the students through extended studies. At this point in time students may get financial aid through special effort by manual entry and tracking by Chuck Nelson in the Registrar's Office. Each of the institutions act as equals. One institution does not have to approve applicants, classes, faculty, and etc. from the other involved institutions.

A set of bylaws is set up for the Alliance to have a process in place for any institution to become a member or to no longer be a member. This helps maintain the integrity of the program and also helps maintain qualified faculty.

A good program must include openness, honesty, and cooperation among the institutions.

Item 2: Gerontology Proposal – Dr. Sandy Osborne

Osborne presented the Master of Science in Health and Human Development with an option in Gerontology. Montana State University cannot offer this program with just the resources available at this institution. This option would be available under the GP-IDEA consortium and would address a growing need due to the aging U.S. population.

Many of the possible candidates are already required to obtain 20 hours of continuing education each year. The degree would address issues such as relationships, institutions, agencies and appropriate knowledge of age development, wellness and nutrition, physical health, and environment of the aging population.

The question was asked why this is being offered as an option instead of a major. Osborne said she could look into the possibilities of each one. There was concern expressed that the option would be buried and not easily marketable.

There was also a concern about a conflict with the Geriatric Center in Missoula. Those concerns will have to be fully resolved before the Board of Regents will look at the full proposal.

Concern was expressed about the variety of candidates' backgrounds. How would the program make sure that everyone with a diverse background could be on the same level for graduate level classes? If experience is being used as a qualifier to the program, how will it be evaluated? If some classes are going to be used as 'introduction' or 'elements of' classes and still be counted toward the required 36 credits? Those concerns should be addressed in the full proposal.

The full proposal will be sent out via e-mail.

**Item 3: Complex Biological Systems Certification Proposal
– Anneke Metz**

Metz gave a review of the Complex certification proposal. The full proposal was handed out at the March 25th Graduate Council meeting. The program started with an IGERT grant. The candidate would receive a certificate along with their PhD. The student would be in rotation for the first year before choosing a home department. This means that the student would have to be admitted to the CBS before being admitted to their graduating PhD home department.

This program is designed to help improve admissions to the PhD programs through multidisciplinary effort.

MOTIONS: Bowers motioned to approve the Complex Biological Systems proposal. Helzer seconded it.

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

ADDITIONAL NOTES: Between the May 13th meeting and the June 20th meeting, two Letters of Intent went out to the members of the Graduate Council via e-mail. The two Letters of Intent were as follows: 1) Master of Nursing Option in Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) and 2) PhD in Earth Sciences. The Graduate Council, by a majority vote, approved the letters of intent for both programs.

*** The next Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., July 15th in the President's Conference Room (MT Hall 103).**

