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**USF ST. PETERSBURG  
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

1:00 p.m. – Nelson Poynter Memorial Library Conference Room

Attending were: Deni Elliot (CAS), Deanna Michael (Chair, COE), Donna Knudsen (Graduate Studies), Ambe Njoh (CAS), Kaya Townsend (LIB), Zafer Unal (COE)

Guests: Margaret Hewitt, Chair, Faculty Senate and College of Education and Tony Silvia, Director, Journalism and Media Studies

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Deanna Michael welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. It was established that there were enough members present to have a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Unal motioned for approval of the minutes recorded on 10/3/07. Kaya Townsend seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**FACULTY SENATE UPDATE**

Dr. Margaret Hewitt, Chair of the USF SP Faculty Senate requested that the Graduate Council review its current charge for accuracy and relevance. Dr. Hewitt then updated her records of Graduate Council membership rotation and added new 2007 members. The Faculty Senate is organizing its practices to include annual reports which are due in April 2008 to the Faculty Senate. The Senate is establishing a new web presence to include all minutes and actions by all USF SP Senate standing committees.

**PRESENTATION OF JOURNALISM AND MEDIA STUDIES NEW PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

Dr. Silvia presented the case for the new program proposal for Journalism and Media Studies. This is not a new program but rather a program that has been in existence at USF SP for many years. It has been, however, incorrectly identified as a concentration of the Mass Communication degree administered at USF Tampa. This new program proposal is needed to correct the record and to accurately reflect the nature of the program.

A pre-proposal was reviewed by USF system-wide GEC Roundtable group and permission was received to move forward with a full proposal.

Due to a quick timeline for completion of the new proposal, the Graduate Council agreed to suspend for this program its rule regarding length of time for review of new proposals (10 days).

After further review and discussion, Ambe Njoh motioned that the Graduate Council approve the Journalism and Media Studies New Program Proposal. The motion was seconded by Kaya Townsend and approved unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF CHANGED COURSE PROPOSAL – COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Dr. Hewitt presented on behalf of the College of Education a course change form to change the title of RED 6116 from Current Trends in Elementary Reading to Differentiated Reading Instruction in order to better reflect compliance with Florida Department of Education requirements for teachers being certified in multiple categories including ESOL and Exceptional Student Education. In addition, the course had added the components necessary for instruction in grades 7-12 (previously K-6).

Deni Elliot motioned for approval for the changed course proposal to proceed. The motion was seconded by Kaya Townsend. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING**

The Council will meet next on Wednesday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.