

# Graduate Council Minutes - 3/2/01

**Present:** P. Atkins, A. Balant, D. Freedman, M. Guiry, J. Hammond, M. Lodge, J. McLaurin, E. Richards, R. Rudnitski, H.R.Stoneback

**Presiding:** Phyllis Freeman, Dean of the Graduate School

The meeting was called to order in HAB 802 at 11:00 AM

1. The minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2001 were approved unanimously.
2. Announcements
  - The Council agreed to defer consideration of the proposed new concentration of the MBA in Information and Knowledge Management until the meeting of March 16, 2001.
  - Two courses, 10507, Art in Environmental Education, and 10508, Art of Necessity, were returned to the course approval subcommittee for additional review.
  - The new Guidelines for Graduate Employees have been revised in consultation with the English Department. They will be distributed after they are reviewed by the Provost and the Academic Council.
3. Old Business
  - a. The Council discussed the issues raised at the last meeting during the discussion with guests from Institutional Research (C. Bacon and K. Parmley). M. Guiry agreed to chair a subcommittee of the Council that will begin to address the issue of outcomes assessment for accredited graduate programs. The committee will develop a template for the types of data needed by programs. Staff from Institutional Research will be invited to participate. The results of this effort may serve as a model for outcomes assessment in general, or at least within the Graduate School, as the campus as a whole begins to address the issue in response to the Middle State re-accreditation effort.
4. New Business
  - The Council discussed and clarified its resolution of December 4, 1998 about the student-elected Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) grading option. The Council reaffirmed that it does not support this option for matriculated graduate students. Any exception to this policy would require the approval of the Dean of the Graduate School. The Council voted unanimously for implementation of this resolution effective Fall, 2001, and for modification of the S/U form used by Records and Registration. The current form allows students to elect the S/U option for graduate courses that are not on the plan of study. The form is to be modified to indicate that this option is not available to graduate students.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne C. Balant, Secretary