

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES
AND RESEARCH**

MINUTES

7 July 2004

Meeting Number 348

Present: D. Arant (MALS), L. Bennett (CAS), S. Blanton (POLS), L. Brooks (MIS), L. Clemens (HMSE), C. Danehower (FCBE), D. Larsen (ESCI; proxy, D. Lumsden), M. Logan (CCFA), R. Koch (NURS), K. Kreitner (Music), E. Rakow (COE), T. Sayger (CEPR), S. Slack (Herff), D. Wark (AUSP), L. Weiss (HMSE); K. Weddle-West (Assistant VPGS), J. Brownlee (GS)

Absent: C. Camp (EECE), B. Ching (ENGL), D. Franceschetti (PHYS), J. Pazar (GSA), S. Pezeshk (CIVIL)

Guests: E.O. George, H. Kurtz, A. Proffitt

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

Meeting 348 was called by Dr. K. Weddle-West to consider three proposals for new graduate programs to be submitted to TBR.

348.1 H. Kurtz presented the proposal for an MS in Bioinformatics, an interdisciplinary program that will be housed in the Interdisciplinary Studies Office in the College of Arts and Sciences. E.O. George will lead the program until a new director is hired. All new hires will be assigned to a home department according to their discipline and the great majority of the courses will be taught within these departments. The only new course is a thesis course, the other courses being former special topics courses. As the proposal shows, there is a definite need for specialists in this area. Award of a \$2 million grant is contingent upon the university demonstrating that it has such a program. L. Bennett moved (2/M. Logan) that the proposal be approved. The motion was carried by voice vote.

348.2 M. Logan presented the proposal for closing the Music Education concentration in the DMA degree and creating a new Music Education concentration within the PhD program. The UofM is an anomaly in having the Music Education concentration in a performance-oriented degree program. The new concentration will be more research-oriented, as appropriate for a PhD, and will require two new courses. It will also attract a different kind of student. The question whether faculty who are used to teaching DMA course can teach PhD courses was also raised, but the Council was assured they could. The title of one course was queried and, after discussion, it was proposed to change the title to "Music Development and Learning." L. Bennett moved (2/L. Brooks) that the DMA Music Education concentration be closed and that a new Music Education concentration be added to the PhD program. The

motion was carried by voice vote. M. Logan moved (2/K. Kreitner) that the two new music courses be approved. The motion was carried by voice vote. M. Logan moved (2/K. Kreitner) that the "Psychology of Music" course title be changed to "Music Development and Learning." The motion was carried by voice vote.

348.3. S. Slack and A. Proffitt presented the proposal for a new concentration in Computer Engineering Technology. Variations on this proposal have been discussed in the past, but not brought before the Council. It is now just a matter of formalizing the program: The courses are all in place and have been taught. The university needs to recognize what students have been studying. The courses are more applied than those in either Computer Science or Computer Engineering, so there is no conflict. Fed Ex, Smith & Nephew, and other manufacturers are examples of where graduate find jobs. M. Logan moved (2/L. Weiss) that the proposal be approved. The motion was carried by voice vote.

K. Weddle-West reminded the Council that there will be an orientation for all new graduate students on 24 August and asked them to remind their chairs. An orientation schedule was included.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Hurley