The Graduate Council met in emergency session in Bond Hall Room 261 on this date. Members in attendance were Dr. Donald Steven, Dr. Kathy Brown, Dr. John Carter, Dr. Margaret Francel, Dr. Sheila Foster, Dr. Ray Jones, Dr. John Moore, Dr. Kathryn Richardson-Jones, Dr. Dan Steed, and Dr. Donald Steven. Also in attendance was ex-officio member Dr. Jerry Bullock, Dr. Dan Ouzts and Dr. Bill Woosley.

Dr. John Carter presented the agenda item on the formation of a MAT program in Physical Education. Over the past year and a half there have been numerous inquiries on this type of program for the area due to the NASPE certification requirements for public school teachers. This program would be modeled after the four existing MAT programs: English, Math, History, and Biology. The length of the program would be estimated around 48 hours; possibly longer if a student has does not hold an undergraduate degree in Physical Education.

Dr. Steven departed due to a schedule conflict turning the meeting over to Dr. Jones.

Dr. John Moore expressed concern that the proposal for the new program does not follow the same model set forth for MAT Math. Dr. Jerry Bullock explained that certain mandatory education courses were already in existence in the PE program therefore did not need to be added.

Other estimations for the proposed new program include nine new courses that will need to be added to the curriculum and staffed. Staffing for the PE courses will probably come from adjunct professors at the beginning. If the program experiences strong growth, Dr. Steven proposes the hiring of full-time professors. However it is not anticipated the education courses will need adjunct professors. Dependent on resources and enrollment, two courses will be taught in the fall and spring semesters.

Dr. Foster moved to accept the program. Dr. Richardson-Jones seconded the motion. Votes collected electronically were reviewed and members present added their votes. The tally was 9 yes votes, 1 no vote and 5 abstained votes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Ray Jones