Graduate Council Minutes
January 27, 2004

Graduate Council met in Bond Hall room 224 on this date. Members in attendance were Dr. Donald Steven, Dr. David Allen, Dr. Jennifer Altiere, Dr. Mark Bebensee, Dr. Clark Bowman, Dr. Kathy Brown, Dr. John Carter, Dr. Sheila Foster, Dr. Kathy Grenier, Dr. Spencer Hurd, Dr. Will Johnson, Dr. Angela LeClercq, and Dr. Kathy Richardson-Jones. Also in attendance were ex-officio members Ms. Heather Anderson, Dr. Ray Jones and Ms. Sylvia Nesmith.

The minutes of the November 2, 2004 meeting were approved as distributed.

Dr. Ray Jones presented the first agenda item on obtaining a course number for a MBA elective. Human Resource Development was taught three times by Dr. Jones, with approximately 20 students enrolled each term. Obtaining a course number is beneficial if the development of a concentration in Human Resource in the MBA program is a future possibility. The topic has already been discussed and approved in the Business school. A course number will be obtained from the Registrar’s office. There was unanimous approval.

Dr. John Carter presented the second agenda item on the proposal for a Sports Management concentration in the MBA program. Adoption of this proposal would enable current and prospective graduate students who are formally accepted into the MBA program to declare the sport management concentration option. By doing so, students must successfully complete 36 hours of required MBA courses and a minimum of 15 hours of sport management courses. MBA students selecting the sport management concentration would have an academic advisor in the School of Business Administration and the Department of Health, Exercise, & Sport Science. A student will be admitted into the MBA program first and subsequently into the HESS concentration. Expected enrollment in this concentration is 12-24 students at any one time. Estimated time of completion will be about three years. This proposal will cause no change in the MBA program, since all the elective classes will come under HESS which will be taught by adjunct professors.

Dr. Moore hoped to see an overlap with MAT courses and the Sports Management electives that will be offered, but since the MAT program is very specialized it would be difficult. Dr. Steven questioned the use of adjunct professors, if the availability to hire full-time professors exists after the program has been developed and is financially successful. Dr. Carter expressed his preference for full-time faculty, but took a conservative approach when filling out the financial projections. The financial projections that were distributed during the meeting do not show impact on the Business School. There was unanimous approval for this concentration contingent upon the revised financial projections sheet. Dr. Jones was asked to coordinate a School of Business and HESS position prior to presentation to the Academic Board for approval.