Graduate Council Minutes
April 7, 2005

Graduate Council met in Bond Hall room 274 on this date. Members in attendance were Dr. Donald Steven, Dr. David Allen, Dr. Jennifer Altiere, Dr. Mark Bebensee, Dr. Kathy Brown, Dr. John Carter, Dr. Sheila Foster, Dr. Kathy Grenier, Dr. Will Johnson, Dr. Angela LeClerq, and Dr. Bob Steed. Ex-officio members Ms. Sylvia Nesmith and Dr. Ray Jones were in attendance and Dr. Bill Denig stood in for Dr. Margaret Francel.

The minutes of the March 3, 2005 meeting were approved as distributed.

Dr. Will Johnson presented the first agenda item on renaming PSYC 501. The existing name Application of Learning Theory will be changed to Principles of Cognitive and Behavioral Change. Dr. Johnson passed a handout to Council members explaining the course description. The course number will remain PSYC 501 and the course description will remain unchanged. The new name will be put in place for the Summer I session. All students currently enrolled in PSYC 501 must be dropped and then reenrolled under the new course name. There are no financial or programmatic implications from this action. Dr. Mark Bebensee moved to vote and Dr. Grenier seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval for the name change.

Dr. Johnson presented the second agenda item on adding a psychology course to the Clinical Counseling program. PSYC 643, Contemporary Psychological Assessment and Psychotherapy, will be offered as an elective beginning Fall 2005 term. The development of this course is based on the Masters in Psychology Accreditation Council (MPAC) recommendation, in preparation for the forthcoming re-accreditation of the Clinical Counseling curriculum. Dr. Johnson assured the Council that the Clinical Counseling professors and Department Chair were in full support of this course. A handout was presented to the Council providing further details.

Ms. Nesmith was concerned that the addition of a course would increase the requirement for this program from 54 hours to 57 hours. Dr. Johnson has chosen to replace the requirement for an elective with this new course, therefore the credit hour requirements remain unchanged. The enrollment will be capped at 15 students for the fall, with the possibility of offering the course during the spring term if interest is high. There are no financial or programmatic implications from this action. Dr. Bebensee moved to vote on the new psychology course and Dr. Grenier seconded. There was unanimous approval for PSYC 643.

Dr. Steven asked that all agenda items be passed through other appropriate governances (i.e. Departmental Heads) before being discussed in Council and show that designation on the Agenda Item Proposal template. Other additions could include whether agenda topics affect Registrar information or other schools programs. Dr. Jones will update this information on the Agenda Item Proposal sheet.
Dr. David Allen presented the third agenda item on the addition of elective ENGL 529, *American Fiction Since 1945*. Currently, ENGL 528 covers American Fiction from 1900 to the present. The College of Charleston supports the proposal of splitting this course in order to effectively teach the large amount of material. ENGL 528 will cover American Fiction from 1900-1945 and ENGL 529 will study literature after 1945. Dr. Allen states that the Joint Program and English Department Heads approve of this change. Ms. Nesmith noted that ENGL 528 course title will need to be changed to *American Fiction from 1900-1945*. Neither one of the courses are offered this summer. There was unanimous approval for the addition of ENGL 529.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attached is the revised template for Agenda Item Proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Ray Jones