

**USF ST. PETERSBURG  
GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

2:00 p.m. – Nelson Poynter Memorial Library Conference Room

Attending were: Deni Elliot (CAS), Deanna Michael (Chair, COE), Donna Knudsen (Graduate Studies), Ambe Njoh (CAS), Kaya Townsend (LIB), Zafer Unal (COE), Tom Ainscough (COB). Phil Trocchia had a class conflict.

Guest: Margaret Hewitt, COE

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Deanna Michael welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. It was established that there were enough members present to have a quorum.

The minutes from the November 7, 2008 meeting were approved.

Dr. Margaret Hewitt explained that the College of Education had to resubmit a course proposal (RED 5147 Foundations of Developmental Reading) because the Florida Department of Education had changed requirements for the reading endorsement. The course had to be titled, Foundations of Differentiated Reading Instruction, but it was the same course that the Graduate Council had approved the previous year. The change in title also meant that the course had to be a different course number; therefore the course proposal was resubmitted as a whole. Motion was made by Kaya to approve the course proposal. Zafer seconded the motion. Hearing no dissent, the motion passed unanimously.

Because the program changes in the Elementary Education MA with initial certification and the MAT in Exceptional Education included RED 5147 Foundations of Developmental Reading, the request for program changes also had to be resubmitted. Deni Elliot made a motion that the GC accept the program changes. Kaya seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no additional presentations at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

The next meeting of the Graduate Council was not scheduled because of the changes in schedules for the Spring semester.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Michael

