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The Council on Graduate Studies met at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 in 3108 Blair Hall.

Members present: Dean Augustine, Dr. Conn, Dr. Costa, Dr. Elder, Mr. Harris, Mr. Kahler, Dr. Liu, Dr. Morford, and Dr. Raybin and Dr. Taylor

Members absent: Dr. Nelson

Staff present: Mr. Ranes, Dr. Herrington-Perry, and Ms. Barter

Guests present: Dr. Joshua Birk, History Department

**I. Approval of the November 6, 2007 Minutes**

Chair Costa asked the members to review the minutes. The November 6, 2007 Meeting Minutes are to be approved with two minor revisions on Page 3, Item V, #3.

**II. Communications**

1. College of Sciences Curriculum Committee Electronic Meeting Minutes, Friday, November 2, 2007.
2. Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, November 14, 2007.
3. College of Sciences Curriculum Committee Electronic Meeting Minutes, Friday, November 16, 2007.

**III. Executive Actions**

None

**IV. Items to be Added to the Agenda**

None

**V. Items Pending**

1. 07-14, Thesis Manual

Note: Agenda items were taken out of order to accommodate the guest present.

**VI. Items to be Acted On**

1. 07-34, HIS 4790, Crusade & Jihad (New Course Proposal)  
Dr. Birk presented the proposal and answered questions of the council.

The proposal was approved unanimously with a change in the course number effective *Spring 2009*.

**HIS 4785. Crusade & Jihad. (3-0-3) S. Crusade & Jihad: Religious Violence in the Islamo-Christian Tradition.** This course is designed to juxtapose the medieval understanding of violence and war in both the Western Christian and Islamic traditions with modern understandings of those same phenomena. This course traces the intellectual developments of these concepts during the Middle Ages, and it explores how medieval conceptions of violence are reinterpreted and redeployed in the nineteenth through twenty-first centuries. Prerequisite(s): **None**

2. 07-20, Repeating Courses

Chair Costa and Mr. Raney presented the revised proposal and answered questions of the council.

The proposal was approved unanimously effective Spring 2008.

**Repeating Graduate Courses**

Graduate students may repeat graduate courses in which a grade of D, F, or NC was received. Both the original grade and the repeated grade will be recorded on the transcript and will be included in the computation of the graduate GPA. If the grade earned for the repeated course is a C or better, the course and the semester hours may be applied to the degree or certificate program. If the grade for the repeated course is less than a C, neither the course nor the semester hours may be applied to the degree or certificate program.

With prior approval of the academic program, graduate students may repeat any course numbered 4750 or above in which a grade of A, B, C, or CR was previously earned and which is not normally repeated. Both the original grade and the repeated grade will be recorded on the transcript and included in the calculation of the graduate grade point average; however, the repeated course credit will not count toward degree requirements.

**VII. Other Items**

1. Communication from President Perry

Chair Costa and Dean Augustine presented the proposal to the council.

**VIII. Committee Reports**

1. Williams Travel Awards

Dr. Taylor provided the council members with a list of all travel award recipients and explained how the committee arrived at their decision. Dean Augustine explained he had secured funding for all 19 applicants.

2. Research/Creative Activity Awards

Dr. Elder provided the council members with a list of all research award recipients and explained the committee's reasoning for their decision to fund three of the nine applicants.

3. Thesis Committee

Dr. Elder announced she will forward a copy of the revised thesis manual to the council members as soon as the committee members have approved it.

**IX. Dean's Report**

1. First Choice Review Update

Dean Augustine asked the council if they approve the January 8 meeting for the First Choice Initial Consultation for Counseling & Student Development. The members approved the schedule forwarded by Dean Augustine.

2. Council of Graduate Schools Conference, Seattle, Washington

Dean Augustine, Dennis Nunes of St. Cloud State University, and Edith Raleigh of Madonna University, will give a presentation on enrollment management, model processes used, and outcomes that were achieved.

3. Achievement and Contribution Awards

Dean Augustine congratulated members of the council that received 2007 Achievement and Contribution Awards.

- 4. Annual Spring Seminar – Dr. Ryan Hendrickson will present Elluminate Live software on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, in the Union 1895 Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Linda Barter, Coordinator

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 15, 2008**  
**3108 Blair Hall Conference Room**

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