MEMBERS PRESENT: Abdel-Motaleb, Barbe, Bond, Carrier, Changnon, Costello, Factor, Gau (for Gupta), Gowen, Harris, Hurych, Karonis, Lockard, Macdonald, Muñoz, Odoms-Young, Riley, Shaw, Sims, Waas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Arado, Goldenberg, Johnson, Lusk, Shumow, Slattery

OTHERS PRESENT: Dembinski (Assistant to the Chair, Department of Teaching and Learning), Dorsch (Department of Teaching and Learning), Henning (Department of Teaching and Learning), Miller (Department of Biological Sciences), Montgomery (Acting Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Morris (Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures), Pugh (Graduate School Specialist), Smith (Catalog Editor/Curriculum Coordinator), Stahl (Chair, Department of Literacy Education), Wright (Secretary)

Rathindra N. Bose, Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Factor moved approval of the March 5, 2007 minutes, Barbe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Section B – February 12, 2007 Curriculum Committee Minutes:
Representatives from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Education were present to discuss the proposed MAT program in the College of Education. Bose restated the council’s discussion items from the March 5, 2007 meeting. The council needed clarification on the difference between the proposed MAT in elementary education and the current MSED. Council members also discussed a possible overlap between the proposed MAT in elementary education and courses in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Henning distributed a handout that compared the current MSED with the proposed MAT in elementary education. Factor questioned why art for elementary teachers was not included in the course list for the proposed MAT. Henning responded that the MAT program is a standards based degree program not a course based program. Illinois state standards do not require a fine arts course, but art courses are highly valued and hopefully students will have some experiences with art courses. Barbe mentioned an overlap between courses offered by the MAT in elementary education and courses already offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Barbe questioned who would
evaluate student proficiency in certain areas, such as a MAT degree with a specialization in Spanish. Henning replied that this degree is just an MAT in elementary education. If the graduate student wishes to get a middle school endorsement, it would require additional coursework. The MAT degree does not include the middle school endorsement. The State of Illinois certificate (type 03) includes K-9, but does not make an individual highly qualified to teach at the middle school level. A graduate student would have to do additional coursework to be highly qualified to teach middle school. The MSED is designed for teachers who are currently certified and currently teaching in elementary classrooms. Henning stated that in the last few years there has become a tremendous regional demand from bilingual students, who do not have elementary education backgrounds, to return to NIU and pursue teacher certification. Many of these individuals are given emergency certification to teach in Spanish speaking kindergarten or first grade classrooms and only have a few years to become certified. The current MSED program was not designed for these types of students. The council discussed the issues relating to certifying an individual for middle school without any clinical or practicum experience at the middle school level. Dorsch stated that the MAT program is operating under the current state structure. Macdonald asked why not create a separate track instead of a new degree program. Henning replied that they have currently been enrolling students in a separate track, but the experiences of these students tend to be too diverse. Henning explained that the action research culminating project or thesis required for the MSED does not accommodate certain types of students. The MAT in elementary education would require a standards based portfolio. Macdonald questioned how the IBHE would look upon establishing another graduate program for this purpose. Dorsch responded that most it would not be a problem, a number of other institutions have a degree program for already certified teachers and a separate program for students seeking initial certification at the graduate level. The MAT incorporates initial certification at the master’s level.

Montgomery questioned whether or not the number of questions from the council was related to the fact that the MAT program proposal submitted to the IBHE was not distributed to the council. Dorsch responded that the proposal had been submitted to Dr. Cassidy and to the Provost. Montgomery stated that conventionally the graduate council and other curricular bodies are given the full proposal, which may clear up some of the issues that are being discussed.

Bose asked the standards committee to review what other universities are doing with the MAT program.

Macdonald moved to table this motion until the committee has had the opportunity to review the entire proposal, Barbe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

*Dissertation Completion Fellowship Committee:* Bond reported that 10 full-time and 2 part-time dissertation completion fellowships were awarded. The committee ranked six others as alternates. Bose asked whether the alternates were strong enough to be funded. Macdonald stated that the committee would not have chosen them as alternates if they
were not worthy of funding. Bose stated that this year the Division of Research and Graduate Studies would be able to fund all the awards including the alternates. However, he can not commit to this number every year.

Curriculum Committee: Harris presented the March 19, 2007 Curriculum Committee minutes for approval. Macdonald questioned item # 11 in the minutes, asking if the Department of Communication was deleting all their journalism courses. The council moved to table item # 11 until Bose has the opportunity to inquire further about the deletion of these courses.

The following new courses, course deletions, course revisions, and other changes in the catalog copy were approved:

INTERDISCIPLINARY ACADEMIC CENTERS
   Other Catalog Changes
      UNIV 510 (course revision)  
      Certificate of Graduate Study in Homeland Security - Cybersecurities
      Track (addition)  
      Manufacturing and Industrial Technology Track (revision)  

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
   Other Catalog Changes
      Department of Accountancy - Graduate Faculty (additions)

      Department of Management
         MGMT 412 (course deletion)  

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
   Department of Counseling, Adult and Higher Education
      CAHA 551X (course revision)  
      Doctor of Education in Educational Administration - Requirements
      (revisions)

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
   Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering
      Master of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering - Requirements -
      Thesis Option - Integrated B.S./M.S. Sequence (revisions)

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES
   Other catalog change
      Certificate of Graduate Study Gerontology (revisions)
      Page 142, 2006-07 Graduate Catalog (revisions)
      School of Allied Health Professions (AH--) (revisions)
      School of Nursing (NURS) (revisions)

      School of Allied Health Professions
      AHP 440, 444, 446 (course deletions)
AHPT 425 (course deletion)

Department of Communicative Disorders
COMD 403, 420, 421, 423, 424, 425, 429, 430, 431, 432, 476, 481, 482, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 526, 547, 573, 670, 671, 676 (course deletions)
COMD 503, 571 (course revisions)
Admission (revisions)

School of Family, Consumer and Nutrition Sciences
FCNS 410, 424, 426, 428, 429, 437, 500, 501, 502, 511, 512, 513, 515, 516, 517, 519, 545, 546, 551, 584 (course revisions)
Master of Science in Applied Family and Child Studies - Requirements - Specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy - Requirements (revisions)
Dietetic Internship - Admission - Requirements (revisions)
School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences (FCNS) (additions)

Department of Communicative Disorders (old)
School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders (new)
COMD 500, 598, 599 (revisions)
COMD 492, 505X, 528, 560, 562, 582, 583, 586, 590, 594, 677 (course revisions)
COMD 506, 512A, 512B, 525, 527, 529, 530, 531, 575, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 585, 593, 600, 627, 629, 673, 679, 698 (course revisions)
COMD 502, 503, 504, 524, 535, 544, 570, 571, 572, 574, 576, 584, 587, 588, 591, 592, 672, 574, 675, 684 (course revisions)
Specialization in Rehabilitation Counseling (revisions)
Doctor of Audiology - Requirements (revisions)

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES
Other Catalog Changes
WOMS 525X (course addition)

Department of Anthropology
ANTH 416, 425, 438, 466 (course revisions)

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
CHEM 500, 600 (course revisions)

Department of Communication
COMS 559X (course deletion)
Requirements (revisions)

Department of Computer Science
CSCI 440, 470, 551, 564 (course deletions)
CSCI 540, 541, 542, 550, 552, 554, 559, 577, 579, 599 (course additions)
CSCI 461, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 480, 521, 530, 545, 562, 563, 567, 568, 569, 570, 575, 575, 580, 588, 589, 590, 595, 597 (course revisions)
Department of Computer Science (CSCI) - Master of Science in Computer Science - Required Courses (revisions)

Department of Economics
  ECON 645 (course addition)
  ECON 640 (course revision)

Department of English
  ENGL571 (course addition)
  Masters of Arts in English (revisions)
  Doctor of Philosophy in English - Requirements - British and American Literature (18) (revisions)
  Course List - General (revisions)
  Page 199, 2006-07 Graduate Catalog (revisions)

Department of Philosophy
  Master of Arts in Philosophy (revisions)

Department of Physics
  PHYS 580 (course addition)
  Master of Science in Physics - Specialization in Applied Physics (revisions)
  Doctor of Philosophy in Physics - Distribution Requirements (12) (revisions)
  Distribution Requirements for Nanoscience Concentration (12) (additions)

Department of Political Science
  PSPA 511, 553 (course additions)
  POLS 590 (course revision)
  Master of Public Administration - Public Policy/Management Core (24) - Specialization in Comparative and Developmental Administration - Specialization in Fiscal Administration - Specialization in Human Services Administration - Specialization in Public Management and Leadership - Specialization in Urban Management (revisions)

Department of Sociology
  Master of Arts in Sociology (additions)
  Thesis Option - General Sociology - Specialization in Criminology - Non-Thesis Option - Core Courses - Applied Sequence - General Sociology - Specialization in Criminology (revisions)

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS
School of Art
  ARTD 540 (course deletion)
  ARTD 409, 473 (course revisions)
  ARTE 583 (course revision)
  Certificate of Graduate Study - Museum Studies (15) (revisions)
Standards Committee: Waas reported that the Standards Committee discussed creating a means to evaluate 3-year degrees that are not from Bologna universities. The committee decided that there is no practical way to evaluate these degrees. Evaluation organizations are either accepting all three-year degrees or accepting none. The committee has decided to continue using the same system, in which only three-year degrees from Bologna institutions are accepted for admission to the Graduate School.

New Business

Assistantship Stipend Limits for Fiscal Year 2007-2008: Bose stated that normally the stipend increase is based on faculty salary increases or the cost of living increase. He also stated that last year students received a 3% increase, but did not receive the extra 1% increase allotted in January. Macdonald moved to increase the student stipend by this year’s faculty salary increases or the cost of living index, whichever is higher, and to adjust it by 1% according to last year’s faculty increase. Gowen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Odoms-Young questioned whether this increase would affect the number of students receiving the Rhoten-Smith award. Bose replied that Lyndon Perkins, Director of Recruitment and Student Support Services, received an additional $50,000 budget for the Rhoten-Smith award from Vice President Williams’ office. This funding is not permanent.

Information/Announcements

Graduate Student Recognition Ceremony: The 1st annual Outstanding Graduate Student Recognition Dinner will take place on Monday, April 23, 2007. Students and doctoral advisors are invited, along with the Graduate Council committee responsible for formulation of the event. A guest speaker has been invited, Dr. Kenton Clymer, Presidential Research Professor and Chair of the Department of History.

Presidential Research Professors Selected: This year’s Presidential Research Professors are Professor Winifred Creamer, Department of Anthropology; Professor Nadar
Ebrahimi, Division of Statistics; and Professor Heide Fehrenbach, Department of History. An award reception will be held at 3 p.m. on April 19 in the Altgeld Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m