
Members absent: S. Bossmann, S. Garimella, D. Goodin, C. Griffin, M. Herman, M. Kaff, A. Knackendoffel, V. Krstic, J. Reese, B. Roland, R. Schaeffer, B. Schultz

Graduate School staff present: S. Fox, J. Guikema, C. Shanklin, S. Schlender

Guests: D. Youngman (library liaison)

1) Opening remarks

Carol Shanklin announced that interviews for the Interim Assistant/Associate Dean of the Graduate School are being completed. The Graduate School anticipates the position will be filled by January 1, 2008.

Commencement is scheduled for Friday, December 7, 2007 at 1:00 pm in Bramlage Coliseum. If you are planning to attend, please email Shannon Fox at gradinfo@ksu.edu.

2) Minutes of the November 6, 2007 meeting were approved as presented.

3) Graduate School Actions and Announcements

The following appointments for graduate faculty membership and emergency approval for non-graduate faculty members to teach graduate courses were approved by the Dean of the Graduate School:

Appointments for Graduate Faculty Membership

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<td>R. Kurt Barnhart</td>
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4) Graduate Council Academic Affairs Committee
A motion was made to approve the following faculty members for non-graduate faculty to teach graduate courses (one-year approval), graduate faculty membership only and membership and certification. The motion passed.

Graduate Faculty Nominations: Approved by the Academic Affairs Committee on 11/20/07.

Non-Graduate Faculty to teach Graduate Courses (One-Year Approval)
Shireen Roshanravan  Assistant Professor  Women’s Studies

Faculty - Membership
Bill Golden  Research Assistant Professor  Agricultural Economics
Mary Higginbotham  Assistant Professor  Clinical Sciences
Xianghong Li  Research Assistant Professor  Agricultural Economics

Faculty - Membership and Certification
Kristin Michel  Assistant Professor  Biology
Jesse Nippert  Assistant Professor  Biology
Sunghun Park  Assistant Professor  Horticulture, Forestry & Recreation Resources

Course and curriculum issues: A motion was made to approve the following course and curriculum changes, additions and drops. The motion passed.

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<td><strong>KIN 792. Internship in Exercise Science.</strong> (6-8) I, II, S. Supervised field experience for the exercise science major in training settings such as YMCA, YWCA, municipal recreation agency, or industrial fitness agency. May be completed with a half-time assignment for 12-16 weeks or a full-time assignment for 6-8 weeks. Pr.: KIN335/336, KIN 520 or 625, and consent of instructor.</td>
<td><strong>KIN 792. Health-Fitness Instructor Internship.</strong> (6-8) I, II, S. Supervised field experience in settings such as Hospital Wellness Centers, YMCA, YWCA, municipal recreation agency, or industrial fitness agency. May be completed with a half-time assignment for 12-16 weeks or a full-time assignment for 6-8 weeks. Pr.: KIN 335/336, KIN 520, 625, 655, and consent of instructor.</td>
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<td><strong>KIN 796. Topics in Kinesiology.</strong> (1-4) On sufficient demand. Selected topics in Kinesiology involving either greater in-depth study, or application of theory presented in a related course. May be repeated as topic varies. Pr.: 6 hours in Kinesiology 500 or above. Only six hours may be counted toward degree. Cross-listed with Anatomy &amp; Physiology. See AP 796.</td>
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<td><strong>ARE 710. Building Energy Analysis. (2)</strong> I. Study of building energy consumption and current modeling techniques to analyze overall energy usage including: economic evaluation and energy efficient system selection for new construction. Two hours rec. a week. Pr.: ARE 640 or instructor permission.</td>
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<td><strong>ARE 735. Electrical Systems Design. (3)</strong> I. Complete design and specifications of electrical systems for a selected structure. The course uses the National Electrical Code in conjunction with all the modern techniques of electrical systems design for buildings. Students are required to develop term research design projects. Two hours rec. and three hours lab a week. Pr.: ARE 533.</td>
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<td><strong>BAE 636. Agricultural Engineering Design II. (2)</strong> II. A continuation of BAE 536. Completion of a team-oriented design project, with emphasis on construction, evaluation, documentation, and presentation of the design. Two 3-hour labs a week. Pr.: BAE 536.</td>
<td><strong>BAE 636. Biological Systems Engineering Design Project. (3)</strong> I, II. Completion of a team-oriented design project, with emphasis on construction, evaluation, documentation, and presentation of the design. By appointment. Pr.: BAE 536 or other approved capstone design course.</td>
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<td><strong>BAE 705. Irrigation Engineering. (3)</strong> II. on sufficient demand. Design and operative problems on the fundamentals of irrigation system design and management. Soil, plant, and water-relationships; pipeline and system hydraulic design; design of irrigation systems; filtration systems and chemigation, sources of water and water quality. Two hours rec. and three hours lab a week. Pr. BAE 530, and AGRON 305 or CE 522. Pr. or conc. ME 571.</td>
<td><strong>BAE 660. Natural Resource Engineering II. (3)</strong> I. Design and operative problems on the fundamentals of irrigation/water application system design and management. Field water balances; sources of water and water quality; pipeline, pump, and system hydraulic design; design of irrigation/water application systems; filtration systems and water treatment. Three hours rec. a week. Pr. BAE 560 or CE 550. Pr. or conc. ME 571.</td>
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CURRICULUM CHANGES:

M.S. Degree in Kinesiology

From:
The specific program of study, designed by the student and supervisory committee, is tailored to meet the individual needs and interests of the student. An individual’s program of study consists of a minimum of 30 graduate hours. A maximum of 12 hours of supporting work in other departments may be applied toward the 30 hour requirement. Students choose from one of two different degree options: master’s thesis or course work. All students are expected to demonstrate a depth and breadth of understanding of kinesiology in a written and/or oral final evaluation.

To:
The M.S. degree in kinesiology requires a minimum of 30 hours for students completing a master’s thesis option and 36 hours for students completing a course work option. The specific program of study, designed by the student and supervisory committee, is tailored to meet the individual needs and interests of the student. A maximum of 12 hours of supporting work in other departments may be applied toward the degree. All students are expected to demonstrate a depth and breadth of understanding of kinesiology in a written and/or oral final evaluation.
REQUIRED AND ELECTIVE COURSES (Minimum of 12 credit hours)

CORE COMPETENCIES (6 credit hours)
*Courses offered online.

*FDSCI 600 MICROBIOLOGY OF FOOD (2 credit hours)
This course deals with the identification, enumeration, and characterization of bacteria, yeast, and molds associated with foods and food processing. Effects of physical and chemical agents on microorganisms will be studied. Microbiological problems in food spoilage, food preservation, food fermentation, and foodborne diseases will be discussed.

*FDSCI 690/ASI 690 HACCP (2 credit hours)
A comprehensive study of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point System and its application in the food industry. A course in Food Toxicology is highly recommended but not required and can be taken as a distance transfer or on-campus credit.

*FDSCI 730 A MULTIDISCIPLINARY OVERVIEW OF FOOD SAFETY AND SECURITY (2 credit hours)
This course provides students with an overview appreciation and understanding of the many multidisciplinary aspects of food safety and security. Such an overview will inform and enhance preparedness, prevention, response, and recovery related activities. Note: This course is currently offered as an FDSCI 630 Problems course. However, the course is currently seeking a permanent course number of FDSCI 730 through course and curriculum.

ELECTIVE COURSES

FDSCI 713 Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology (2 credit hours)
Rapid Methods and Automation is a dynamic area in applied microbiology dealing with the study of improved methods in the isolation, early detection, characterization, and enumeration of micro-organisms and their products in clinical, food, industrial and environmental samples. This workshop will focus on the practical application of conventional and new commercial systems of rapid identification of micro-organisms from medical specimens, foods, etc. On-campus short course.

*FDSCI 961 Problems/Food Fermentation (2 credit hours)
Application of the principles of microbiology to the understanding of the fermentation of various categories of foods. Chemical, biochemical and microbiological changes under controlled and uncontrolled conditions.

*SOCWK 610 Fundamentals of Communication for the Agriculture and Food Science Community (3 credit hours)
It is often difficult to communicate agriculture and food related issues to the public without generating misunderstanding. This course is designed to develop communication skills among the agriculture and food science community to effectively disseminate scientific information. Fundamentals of active listening as well as techniques to address misinformation and misunderstanding will be provided. Opportunities through online exercises and homework assignments will give students experience in the application of communication skills. Individual feedback will be provided by the instructors. Students taking the course for graduate credit will be required to complete an observational project including a summary paper.

DMP 806 Environmental Toxicology (3 credit hours)
An advanced toxicology course concerned with the occurrence, biological effect, detection, and control of foreign chemicals in the environment.

DMP 854 Veterinary Epidemiology (3 credit hours)
Epidemiologic principles relative to infectious and noninfectious diseases transmissible from animals to humans, and application of these principles by use of case investigations.
KIN 818 Social and Behavioral Bases of Public Health  (3 credit hours)
The role of behavioral, social, psychological, economic, environmental, and social structural factors in both the occurrence of health problems in groups and populations, and in the development of the risk factors that contribute to these problems. Principles of health behavior change and the application of these principles to a variety of health issues as well as an emphasis on how social structural factors impact health are examined to better understand health behavior and health inequities in contemporary society.

Note: It is possible that a student may already have taken one or more of these courses or their equivalent on another degree or certificate program. Upon approval by the major professor, three hours of credit could be accepted toward the 12 hour minimum required for this certificate.

To:

Graduate Certificate in Food Safety and Defense Graduate (offered via the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance and on campus)

Curriculum Requirements:

REQUIRED AND ELECTIVE COURSES (Minimum of 12 credit hours)

CORE COMPETENCIES (8 credit hours):
*Courses offered online.

*FDSCI 600 MICROBIOLOGY OF FOOD (2 credit hours)
This course deals with the identification, enumeration, and characterization of bacteria, yeast, and molds associated with foods and food processing. Effects of physical and chemical agents on microorganisms will be studied. Microbiological problems in food spoilage, food preservation, food fermentation, and foodborne diseases will be discussed.

*FDSCI 690/ASI 690 HACCP (2 credit hours)
A comprehensive study of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point System and its application in the food industry.

*FDSCI 730 A MULTIDISCIPLINARY OVERVIEW OF FOOD SAFETY AND SECURITY (2 credit hours)
This course provides students with an overview appreciation and understanding of the many multidisciplinary aspects of food safety and security. Such an overview will inform and enhance preparedness, prevention, response, and recovery related activities.

*FDSCI 750 FOODBORNE TOXICANTS (2 credit hours)
Quantitation metabolism and mechanisms of action of major foodborne toxicants. Toxicant defense and control systems, risk analysis and assessment and application of food laws.

ELECTIVE COURSES (4 credit hours)

FDSCI 713 RAPID METHODS AND AUTOMATION IN MICROBIOLOGY (2 credit hours)
Rapid Methods and Automation is a dynamic area in applied microbiology dealing with the study of improved methods in the isolation, early detection, characterization, and enumeration of micro-organisms and their products in clinical, food, industrial and environmental samples. This workshop will focus on the practical application of conventional and new commercial systems of rapid identification of micro-organisms from medical specimens, foods, etc. On-campus short course.

*SOCWK 610 FUNDAMENTALS OF COMMUNICATION FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SCIENCE COMMUNITY (3 credit hours)
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DMP 854 VETERINARY EPIDEMIOLOGY (3 credit hours)
Epidemiologic principles relative to infectious and noninfectious diseases transmissible from animals to humans, and application of these principles by use of case investigations.

KIN 818 SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL BASES OF PUBLIC HEALTH (3 credit hours)
The role of behavioral, social, psychological, economic, environmental, and social structural factors in both the occurrence of health problems in groups and populations, and in the development of the risk factors that contribute to these problems. Principles of health behavior change and the application of these principles to a variety of health issues as well as an emphasis on how social structural factors impact health are examined to better understand health behavior and health inequities in contemporary society.

*FDSCI 751 FOOD LAWS AND THE REGULATORY PROCESS (2 credit hours)
History of the development of the current federal and state food regulations. Guidelines that govern the practice of regulating the wholesomeness of red meats, poultry, and eggs. Presentations by state and federal food regulators.

*FDSCI 753 RISK ASSESSMENT FOR FOOD, AG, & VET MED (3 credit hours)
Risk assessment principles as applied to biological systems. Exposure and effects characterization in human and animal health and ecological risk assessment. Risk analysis frameworks and regulatory decision-making. Introduction to quantitative methods for risk assessment using epidemiological and distributional analyses.

*FDSCI 810 FERMENTED FOODS (2 credit hours)
Application of the principles of microbiology to the understanding of the fermentation of various categories of foods. Chemical, biochemical and microbiological changes under controlled and uncontrolled conditions.

*FDSCI 820. ADVANCED FOOD MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY (2 credit hours)
Principles of food biotechnology, including introduction of molecular biology and enzyme immobilization. Theory and concepts of current biotechnology trends as it relates to food safety and security issues.

Note: It is possible that a student may already have taken one or more of these courses or their equivalent on another degree or certificate program. Upon approval by the major professor, three hours of credit could be accepted toward the 12 hour minimum required for this certificate.

RATIONALE: By offering the certificate through the Great Plains IDEA, students would have the opportunity to take a broader scope of courses and would have more classes available to them throughout the year. In addition, it would share the teaching load amongst the four universities and decrease duplication of courses being taught or developed. The certificate program will continue to be offered on campus. The proposed course additions and changes will provide students additional options for core and elective courses to be used in support of the Graduate Certificate in Food Safety and Defense.
NEW:

**KIN 797. Topics in Public Health Physical Activity Behavior.** (1-4). On sufficient demand. Selected topics in Public Health Physical Activity Behavior involving either greater in-depth study, or application of theory presented in a related course. May be repeated as topic varies. Pr.: KIN 345, KIN 346. Only six hours may be counted toward degree.

**PHILO 801. Topics in the Philosophy and Methodology of Science.** (1-3). On sufficient demand. This course explores philosophical problems concerning science and its methods. Topics selected from: conceptual foundations of modern science, qualitative and quantitative confirmation theories, and the nature of theories, laws, and explanation in the sciences. Pr.: Instructor permission.

**ARE 725. Cold-Formed Steel Design.** (Var.) On sufficient demand. Principles of behavior, design, fabrication, and construction of cold-formed steel structures. Two or three hours rec. a week. Pr.: ARE 524 or CNS 524 or CE 542.

**ARE 630. Introduction to LEED.** (Var.) On sufficient demand. Introduction to green building design and construction principles and practices based on the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System of the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). One or Two hours rec. a week. Pr.: Professional Program standing.

**CNS 629. Tilt-up Concrete Structures in Construction Management.** (2) On sufficient demand. Basics of concrete, principles of tilt-up concrete, construction operations of tilt-up projects, planning procedures for job site erection, and safety procedures. Two hours rec. a week. Pr.: CNS 320 and CNS 522.

**CNS 610. Pre-Engineered Metal Buildings.** (2) On sufficient demand. Pre-engineered metal building systems: history, components, erection procedures and sequencing, delivery considerations, quality control, safety, and quantity surveying and plan reading. Two hours rec. a week. Pr.: Professional Program standing in Construction Science and Management or Graduate student in Architectural Engineering.

**BAE 665. Ecological Engineering Design.** (3) I. Definition, classification, and practice of ecological engineering. Course describes ecological systems, ecosystem restoration, and the utilization of natural processes to provide societal services and benefits to nature. Three hours rec a week. Pr.: MATH 221 and one of the following courses: BAE 560, CE 563, BIOL 529, BIOL 612, ATM 661.

**BAE 669. Watershed Modeling.** (3) II, in even years. Study and evaluation of process equations used in watershed-scale, water-quality models. Use and application of watershed models. Three hours rec. a week. Pr.: GEOG 508 and one of the following courses: BAE 560, CE 550, ATM 661.

BAE 869. Advanced Watershed Modeling. (3) II, in even years. Advanced study and evaluation of process equations used in watershed-scale, water-quality models. Advanced application of watershed models. Recommended background: Hydrology and GIS. Three hours rec. a week. Not available for students with credit for BAE 669.

CIS 734. Introduction to Genomics and Bioinformatics. (4) II, in even years. A problem solving approach to understanding genomics and bioinformatics. Practical use of databases and web-based tools used to study biological problems. Introduction to the algorithms behind these tools. Three hours lec. and one-and-a-half hours lab a week. Cross-listed with BIOL 734. Pr.: Either BIOL 450 or CIS 300, and instructor permission.

CE 704. Responsibility in Engineering: Leadership & Diversity. (3) I. Course designed to help engineers, scientists, and technical managers to: understand leadership approaches that promote high ethical conduct, and to understand the ethical value and challenges associated with a diverse workplace. Key activities are: interviewing peers; analyzing current environment for potential challenges; developing a workshop related to ethics, leadership and diversity; and writing individual code of ethics. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or instructor approval.


FDSCI 751. Food Laws and the Regulatory Process. (2) I, S. History of the development of the current federal and state food regulations. Guidelines that govern the practice of regulating the wholesomeness of red meats, poultry, and eggs. Presentations by state and federal food regulators. Nonmajor graduate credit. Pr.: (3) credits in food science coursework at 200 level or above.


FDSCI 810. Fermented Foods. (2) I, II. Application of the principles of microbiology to the understanding of the fermentation of various categories of foods. Chemical, biochemical and microbiological changes under controlled and uncontrolled conditions.

FDSCI 820. Advanced Food Microbiology & Biotechnology. (2) I, in odd years. Principles of food biotechnology, including introduction of molecular biology and enzyme immobilization. Theory and concepts of current biotechnology trends as it relates to food safety and security issues. Pr.: A course in food microbiology or general microbiology, and a course in biochemistry.
Basic Program Information

1. Proposing Institution: Kansas State University

2. Title of proposed program: Masters of Science in Gerontology.

3. Degree to be offered: Master of Science in Gerontology.

4. Anticipated date of implementation: This program received institutional approval on March 11, 2003 as a Master of Science in Family Studies and Human Services (FSHS) with a Specialization in Gerontology. The first students matriculated in Fall 2003. Fall 2008 is the anticipated date for transfer from Family Studies to Gerontology.

5. Responsible department(s): This is an inter-institutional program. The responsible KSU department will be Human Ecology/Center on Aging.

6. Center for Education Statistics (CIP) code associated with the program: 30.1101 Multidisciplinary Studies, Gerontology.
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<td>3. Program description</td>
<td>The inter-institutional M.S. in Gerontology draws on the expertise of graduate faculty and graduate courses from six universities. The program is taught entirely via the Internet. Students are educated in various areas of gerontology, which include; health issues, public policy, environmental issues, and adult development.</td>
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<td>4. Demand/Need for the program</td>
<td>As the population of older adults continues to increase both in numbers and in proportion, there will be increased need for highly educated professionals in a variety of disciplines. Many professionals currently working with the aged of our population and even many of those who are providing direct care do not have education specific to gerontology and the issues surrounding it. A number of students either currently in the program or who are considering the program have expressed the desire to have the degree in Gerontology rather than in Family Studies. This request is related to their credentials when applying for positions in the field where many positions require a degree in Gerontology rather than a specialization in Gerontology.</td>
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<td>5. Comparative/ Locational Advantage</td>
<td>Currently there are no other comparable programs in the State of Kansas. There are no other programs in the United States comparable to the Great Plains IDEA degree. Its uniqueness comes from a design that draws from the expertise of faculty across six Midwest universities. In addition a program that is offered entirely online draws students from across the U.S. and the world. The majority of these students are non-traditional, bringing their own expertise into enriching the on-line classroom.</td>
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<td>This program is supported by current Ph.D. faculty in family studies and human services, gerontology, architecture, social work and biology at Kansas State University and by ten additional Ph.D. faculty from partner universities in the inter-institutional program.</td>
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related settings who are interested in extending their education and expertise. Full admission requires evidence of completion of a bachelor’s degree from an accredited university with a grade point average above 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for their junior and senior years. Applicants should have proficiency in the computer operations necessary to complete web-based distance courses.

9. Academic Support
The K-State faculty who participate in this program are currently participating in the MS program in family studies and human services as well as gerontology, architecture, social work and biology. No new positions are being added to support this specialization because the program will draw on faculty expertise from six universities.

10. Facilities and Equipment
No new facilities and equipment are sought other than the computers and network upgrades that are needed for all programs in the department.

11. Program review, assessment, accreditation
The program review plan is presented in the attached narrative. There are no specialized accrediting agencies for this specialization.

12. Costs, Financing
The projected costs of the specialization in gerontology are covered by tuition revenue. A fiscal summary is attached.
I. Identify the new degree: Master of Science in Gerontology

II. Provide courses required for each student in the major:

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| Electives: | 12 credit hours |
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Program Proposal Narrative

Introduction

In 2003, a Specialization in Gerontology within the Master of Science program in Family Studies and Human Services was approved at Kansas State University. The first students were admitted to study in Fall 2003. At that time, it appeared that specializations within master’s programs did not require approval beyond the university. In 2005 Board of Regent approval was sought and given for the specialization. At this time we are seeking approval of the transfer of the program from Family Studies and Human Services with a specialization in Gerontology to Human Ecology/Center on Aging. The change in the program creates a Masters in Gerontology rather than a Masters in Family Studies and Human Services. Our students have desired this change as it permits them to call themselves gerontologists and many professional positions require a degree in gerontology rather than a specialization.

The Master of Science in Family Studies and Human Services is an online inter-institutional program that was developed and is taught by an inter-institutional team of graduate faculty members from these universities: Kansas State University, Colorado State University, Iowa State University, Montana State University, North Dakota State University, Oklahoma State University, and Texas Tech University.

Students at Kansas State University are admitted to graduate study at KSU, enroll in all courses at KSU, and graduate from KSU. This inter-institutional program, which is sponsored by the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance, expands the reach of Kansas State University graduate faculty in gerontology and capitalizes on faculty assets at partner universities.

A. Program Need and Student Characteristics

1. Centrality to Institutional Mission

The Kansas State University mission attests to the University’s commitment to “being responsive to a rapidly changing world and the aspirations of an increasingly diverse society...to extending its expertise to individuals, business, education, and government...to preparing students for successful employment or advanced studies through a variety of disciplinary and professional degree programs...and to...enriching the lives of the citizens of Kansas by extending to them opportunities to engage in life-long learning.”

This Internet based program is designed to serve employed professionals seeking a graduate degree in gerontology. Designed specifically to meet the needs of employed
rural professionals, the program also serves a diverse audience of individuals seeking
to better understand gerontology in order to advance in their professional work.

This program directly supports two of Kansas State University’s eleven institutional
aspirations:

#6 Utilizing available and potential resources in the development of graduate education
and research programs. This institutional aspiration stresses the need to develop
cooperative efforts to support graduate programs. In this case the inter-institutional
faculty team enriches the graduate program by drawing on available departmental
resources and on the instructional and research capabilities of faculty employed by the
partner universities.

#11 Optimizing the use of all instructional resources of Kansas State University. By
partnering with other universities, Kansas State University can offer a degree in
gerontology without assuming responsibility for teaching the full range of learning
outcomes expected from this program. By partnering, K-State increases the number of
students reached by each course that it offers in the program thus increasing the
efficiency of instruction.

The Master of Science in Gerontology will be responsive to Kansas State University's
performance agreement with the Kansas Board of Regents to respond to the Regents' System Goal A: Efficiency/Effectiveness/Seamlessness. This inter-institutional program
is implemented in such a way that students do not experience the inter-institutional
dilemmas that most partnership programs generate. The program is highly efficient in its
use of institutional resources because it capitalizes on assets at KSU and at partner
universities.

**Student Demand**

The proposed program targets primarily professionals whose careers offer aging
services, and who may have had training in a particular discipline, but little or no
interdisciplinary training in gerontology. Groups identified as potential consumers
include: nurses and other health care professionals, administrators of organizations
providing services used extensively by older adults or which are directly aging-related,
long term care providers and administrators, and educators.

Admission/current student/graduate information: Kansas State currently has 31 students
enrolled in the masters program of the 70 total in the Great Plains IDEA program. We
accept students for fall enrollment with a cap of 35 students, usually selecting eight or
ten students from a pool of approximately twenty to twenty five applicants. In 2006 five
students graduated. The projected graduation for 2008 is nine students.

Potential Students: Currently the Center on Aging’s academic program includes an
undergraduate Secondary Major in Gerontology and a Secondary Major/Emphasis in
Long-Term Care Administration. In the past two years a number of students who have
graduated with the secondary major as part of their Bachelors degree have applied for
admission to this graduate program. Our academic advisor continues to make students aware of this program while they are undergraduates and we anticipate that we will continue to have program applicants who are alumni of our undergraduate programs.

The KSU component of this program has held the highest enrollment among the six participating institutions since 2004. The application process at KSU has become increasingly competitive and KSU has temporarily put a cap on the program to accept only 8-10 new applications each academic year to ensure that we have sufficient faculty advisors for all students in the program.

The Center on Aging at KSU has committed to increasing their distance education for undergraduates and has developed or assisted in developing several new courses in the past few years. Students who take these undergraduate online courses are in a variety of geographic locations both in Kansas and outside the state. These students will be made aware of the online graduate program through these courses, which has the potential to increase our base of applicants. Additionally the Center on Aging continues to distribute materials related to the graduate program along with other student recruitment materials.

The following information is based on a survey which was done prior to the implementation of the current program.

An assessment of needs and interest with regard to a distance-based graduate level gerontology program was completed in Fall, 2001. The assessment was targeted at groups who were identified as having potential interest in such a program, including human services professionals and Extension personnel. The following states participated in the survey: North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Texas, Montana, and Kansas. Across all states, the total number of surveys returned was 328. Most respondents were females, and 67% of the total sample were ages 40-59. Among Kansans, 73 surveys were returned. A smaller percentage of respondents were female (67%), and 69% of the sample were ages 40-59.

Across all states, the overwhelming majority of respondents work in aging-related settings and over 3/4 hold a bachelor’s degree or higher. Those with degrees beyond the bachelor’s may be particularly interested in a certificate program. Internet is strongly preferred for instruction (85%), and 89% anticipate taking two or more courses per year. Among Kansans, there was a similar pattern: 83% hold a bachelor’s degree or higher, 88% prefer internet-based instruction, and 90% plan to take 2+ courses.

Type of Program: Across all states, there was interest in a variety of formats for study. A total of 59% were interested or very interested in a masters program, and a similar number were interested/very interested in earning a specialization certificate in gerontology. Over 60% indicated interest in taking courses for credit, and there was much less interest in non-credit courses (27%). Among Kansans, there was a similar pattern: 55% were interested/very interested in the M.S., and 53% in a certificate program. Interest in credit courses and non-credit courses was virtually identical to that for the larger Great Plains sample.
Factors in Enrollment Decisions: Across all states, respondents viewed numerous factors as important in making the decision to enroll. Over 75% indicated that cost, sponsor reputation, instructor reputation, and course content were important or very important factors. Over half indicated that career enhancement, tuition waivers, tuition reimbursement, and proficiency with technology were important/very important factors. Among Kansans, 97% indicated cost and course content as important/very important; over 85% identified career enhancement, sponsor reputation, instructor reputation in this way. For the remaining factors, over 75% of respondents indicated they were important or very important.

Core Content Areas, Skill Areas, and Electives That Meet Respondents’ Needs
Current students in the Great Plains-IDEA program have supported the 2001 survey findings. Most of the more than fifty students are non-traditional and taking the program to further their job opportunities. Many of them currently work in long-term care or older adult care and are seeking to enhance their careers with credentials. Some have recognized emerging demographic trends and want to have a background in aging to expand job opportunities.

Within the last two years we have seen a new trend within the Gerontology program of Great Plains IDEA. Students graduating from Kansas State with a secondary major in gerontology are applying for the grad program immediately upon graduation. For some it may be a desire to learn more and quickly add a degree before getting into a serious career and for others it might mean that they were not able to find the job placement they had hoped for.

One interesting student to report is one of our more recent applicants. At 75, with a medical degree and a law degree, this particular student wanted to continue learning with this program in gerontology. We hope to promote this type of student recruitment.

**Demand for Graduates**
The need for professionals with expertise in gerontology will only increase as the U.S. population continues to increase in the number and proportion of older adults.

In the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education’s “Careers in Aging: Consider the Possibilities” (www.careersinaging.com/careersinaging/why.html) Jon Hendricks describes the expanding career opportunities:

“Populations are aging worldwide. This means that people are living longer, and the number of older persons is increasing. These trends are evident in American society, as well as in many countries around the
In the U.S., of those born in 1900 nearly half died before they were 50 years old. People born today can expect to live beyond their 75th year. In 1900 about one in 25 Americans was over 65; today one in eight is over 65. And the age group growing fastest in our society and in many other countries is the "very old," people aged 85 and over. The growth of the elderly population will continue into the future. By the middle of the 21st century, one in five Americans will be over 65, and there will be 15 to 18 million persons over the age of 85. These growth trends will result in a demand for professionals with knowledge and expertise in aging. Expanded career opportunities in gerontology and geriatrics are forecast in many disciplines and professions.

In Kansas and the Great Plains region in general, the proportion of older adults substantially exceeds the national average (12.4%). The percentage of Kansans age 65 and older is 13.3%, and the number of these elders has grown 4.0% between 1990 and 2000. In many small towns and rural areas of the state, the percentage of older adults exceeds 25%. Since the program draws students from the entire region, information for other states is provided in the table. Although Colorado and Texas have lower proportions of elders to total population, both states have experienced rapid growth in this population. Texas is ranked fourth among states with the largest number of people 65+. Clearly, the employment opportunities for individuals with expertise in gerontology will only increase.

Based on the experiences of the Family Financial Planning Program, there will also be students from outside the region represented by universities participating in GP-IDEA.

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According to Hendricks two major tracks are available for careers in gerontology (www.careersinaging.com/careersinaging/job_career.html). In addition, while many professionals are engaged full-time in the field of aging; others may divide their time between aging and other areas within their disciplinary, professional, or clinical areas.

The first track involves those professionals work directly with older persons in areas such as health promotion programs, intergenerational programs, senior centers, community agencies, and retirement communities. They may provide direct care to frail elders in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, adult day centers or home care programs. They may also provide counseling for older persons and their families or assist them with financial planning or housing choices.

The second track is made up of professionals who have less direct involvement with older persons. These activities can include planning, administering, and evaluating community-based services, teaching students, professionals, and older adults and their families about aging, conducting research, or engaging in advocacy, policy development, program planning, or administration. There also are opportunities for working with product development and marketing, consumer education, and organizations dealing with aging in the work force.

2. Locational and comparative advantages

Both Kansas University and Wichita State University offer graduate programs in gerontology. However, neither of these programs is offered on-line. When a Google search is done for Gerontology Masters degree programs in Kansas the Kansas State program shows up in fifteen of the first twenty entries. Because the Kansas State degree is taught entirely on-line as a part of the Great Plains IDEA consortium it benefits from the expertise of faculty across six Midwest universities. An on-line program draws persons from all across the United States. Many of these students are non-traditional currently working in fields that afford them experience that contributes greatly to the richness of the educational goals. Here at Kansas State University we have gone to a competitive enrollment, accepting only 8-10 students per year in order to cap the program at 35 allowing quality instruction and advising.

3. Student characteristics

As stated earlier many students will be professionals currently working in aging related settings who are interested in extending their education and expertise. Several disciplines are represented in the surveys listed. All of these persons have already received bachelor’s degrees, but may not have had specific education regarding gerontology issues.

Full admission to the program will require evidence of completion of a bachelor’s degree from an accredited university with a grade point average above 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the junior and senior years. Applicants should have proficiency in
the microcomputer operations necessary to complete web-based distance courses

B. Curriculum of the Proposed Program

The program requires 36 credit hours of coursework, 24 of them in the following core areas:

- Perspectives in Gerontology
- Adult Development and Aging
- Aging in the Family Context
- Environments and Aging
- Research Methods and Program Evaluation in Aging
- Physical Health, Wellness, and Nutrition
- Public Policy, Economics, and Aging
- Capstone course, including ethics

The remaining 12 credit hours will be filled through electives. At KSU, these elective hours will include credit hours for a master’s report. No thesis option will be offered for this distance-based program. Elective hours will be developed at individual universities and then added as electives to the program. See page 14 for information on electives offered by KSU.
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS – REQUIRED COURSES

GERON 775 Perspectives in Gerontology, 3 credits, F. An overview of current aging issues including the current focus of gerontology theory and research, critical social and political issues in aging, the interdisciplinary focus of gerontology, current career opportunities, and aging in the future.

FSHS 845 Adult Development, 3 credits, S. This course explores the biological, psychological, and social factors that are associated with aging. Although the focus is on the later years, information is presented from a life-span developmental framework. Empirical studies are reviewed and their strengths, limitations and implications for normative and optimal functioning are discussed.

HN 718 Physical Health and Nutrition in Aging, 3 credits, S. This course identifies the basic physiologic changes during aging and their impacts in health and disease. The focus will be on successful aging with special emphasis on physical activity and nutrition. Practical application to community settings is addressed.

GERON 777 Public Policy: Economic & Social Impacts on Older Adults, 3 credits, F. Policy development in the context of the economic status of the elderly populations. Retirement planning and the retirement decision; Social Security and public transfer programs for the elderly; intrafamily transfers to/from the elderly; private pensions; financing medical care for the elderly; prospects and issues for the future.

ARCH 730 Environments and Aging, 3 credits, S. Examination of attributes of physical environments that support special needs of older people and application of this knowledge to the design and management of housing, institutional settings, neighborhoods and communities.

GERON 778 Aging in the Family, 3 credits, S. Theories and research related to personal, family, and societal adjustments in later life affecting older persons and their intergenerational relationships. Related issues including demographics also are examined through the use of current literature.

GERON 776 Program Evaluation and Research Methods, 3 credits, SS. Overview of program evaluation, research methods, and grant writing in gerontology. Includes application of quantitative and qualitative methods in professional settings.

GERON 779 Professional Seminar in Gerontology, 3 credits, SS. An integrative experience in which students will strengthen skills in ethical decision-making and behavior and apply those skills in related areas such as advocacy,
professionalism, and family and workplace issues. Students from a variety of professions will apply unique perspectives to topics of common interest.

**Electives offered at KSU include the following:**

**GERON 610 Seminar in Long-Term Care Administration**, F. Administration principles involved in the planning, organizing, and directing of long-term care agencies. Includes an in-depth exposure to federal and state standards and regulations governing long-term care.

**GERON 725 Topics in Gerontology: Ethics and Health Care.** Advances in medical technology have brought with them questions healthcare givers must now face on a daily basis. Do people have a “right” to die? Should healthcare providers perform “live-saving” procedures on all patients? Should the ability to pay influence what types of treatments are offered to patients? This course will help students learn to think critically about ethical issues affecting healthcare workers in a variety of healthcare settings (e.g. hospitals, nursing homes, clinical practice, pharmacies). Emphasis will be on issues relating to aging populations, although issues relevant to other age groups will be discussed. Class discussions, short essays and case studies will encourage students to understand the multi-faceted nature of these ethical issues and need for open discussion between health care providers, patients and family members.

**GERON 630 Mental Health and Aging, S.** Introduction to the issues involved in aging and mental health using a systems framework covering the major emotional and psychiatric problems encountered in old age. Includes discussion of personality disorders, dementia, cognitive problems, substance abuse, suicide and barriers to treatment.

The following courses are currently available or will be available in the near future, assuring that students have access to sufficient electives to complete the program. Additionally, students may take other gerontology coursework offered at their home university as an elective, with the approval of their advisor. The Great Plains IDEA faculty will meet in November 2007 to schedule electives for the next several years.

- Biological Aspects of Aging
- Women and Aging
- Ethics and Health Care
- Physical Activity and Aging

Other potential courses appropriate as electives for the program, and which may be developed by one of the participating universities, include:

- Death and dying
- Global aging
C. Faculty

1. Program Faculty and Qualifications

All program faculty are members of the graduate faculty of their institutions or team teach with a graduate faculty member. Faculty for the gerontology program include:

Marlys Bratteli, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Child Development and Family Science
North Dakota State University
Marlys Bratteli, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Child Development and Family Science, North Dakota State University. Her research interests include General Aging and Gerontology, Transfer trauma, Demographic trends, Family caregiving, Elder protection, and Geriatric leadership/community development.

Marilyn Coleman, Ph.D.
Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Human Development and Family Studies
University of Missouri-Columbia
Marilyn Coleman is a Professor in the department of Human Development and Family Studies. Her research interests include Remarriage and stepfamilies, Gender Issues, and Intergenerational Family Obligations.

Christine C. Cook, Ph.D.
Associate Professor Department of Human Development and Family Studies
Iowa State University.
Dr. Cook is one of two faculty at Iowa State University in the program in Housing and the Near Environment. Her courses focus on public policy, consumer issues, and the sociopsychological impact of the physical environment. She presently teaches courses entitled Housing and the Aging; Housing and the Social Environment, and Housing and Environments for Children. She is the graduate program coordinator for Gerontology and an advisory board member for the interdepartmental minor in Gerontology at ISU. Dr. Cook is co-principal investigator on a project funded by the USDA National Research Initiative on the
role of housing in rural communities' economic vitality. She also does research in the area of special housing needs of children with disabilities and housing and welfare reform.

**Teresa Cooney, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies  
University of Missouri-Columbia  
Teresa Cooney is an Associate Professor in the department of Human Development & Family Studies. Her research interests include Parent-child relationships in adulthood, Family demography, Aging and the life course and Adults' adjustment to divorce.

**Janice Dinkel, ACSW, LSCSW**  
Associate Professor, Social Work  
Kansas State University  
Janice Dinkel's is the coordinator of the social work program and teaches in the practice sequence. Her research interests include Mental Health of Older adults. She is approved as graduate faculty. She teaches Mental Health and Aging, a Great Plains IDEA elective.

**Margaret Ann Fitzgerald, Ph.D.**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Child Development and Family Science  
North Dakota State University  
Dr. Fitzgerald teaches courses in Personal and Family Finance, Financial Counseling, and Public Policy, and Financial and Consumer Issues of Aging. Prior to accepting a teaching position at NDSU in 1998, she worked with economically distressed farm families through a community mental health center in Minnesota. She received her Ph.D. from Iowa State University in 1997.

**Gayle Appel Doll, Ph.D.**  
Assistant Professor and Director, Center on Aging  
Kansas State University  
Gayle Doll serves as the Director of the Center on Aging at Kansas State University. Her research interests include Culture Change in Nursing Homes, Physical Functioning in Older Adults and End-of-Life issues. She also serves as principal investigator for a multi-year collaborative project involving KSU, the Kansas Departments on Aging and Social and Rehabilitation Services in an educational initiative on Culture Change in Nursing Homes.

**Jennifer Margrett, Ph.D.**  
Human Development and Family Studies  
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Peter Martin, Ph.D.
Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, Director of Gerontology Program Iowa State University
In addition to serving as Director of the Gerontology Program, Dr. Martin teaches classes on adult development and aging, aging and the family, and intergenerational relations. Dr. Martin has conducted research on personality, stress, coping, and well-being in later life with an emphasis on the oldest old.

Mary P. Miles, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Department of Health and Human Development Montana State University
Dr. Miles teaches courses in human metabolism, exercise science, and the interdisciplinary field of exercise metabolism and nutrition. She currently is engaged in research to identify mechanisms linking inflammation to the progression of atherosclerosis during aging, the influence of gene polymorphisms on physiological outcomes of exercise training, and factors influencing the degree of muscle atrophy that occurs in response to muscle disuse. Prior to joining the faculty at Montana State University, she completed a three-year post-doctoral fellowship in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Penn State University.

Lyn Norris-Baker, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of Architecture, Kansas State University
Dr. Norris-Baker currently teaches courses in Environments and Aging, Adult Development and Aging, and Perspectives in Aging. She has previously taught Introduction to Gerontology and Seminar in Gerontology. Her research focuses on aging-environment issues and aging in rural communities. Dr. Norris-Baker is a Fellow in the American Psychological Association, the Gerontological Society of America, and the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education.

Gregory Sanders, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of Child Development and Family Science and Associate Dean for the College of Human Development and Education, North Dakota State University
Dr. Sanders teaches graduate and undergraduate courses with a focus on family science and researches in the areas of family relations and later life families. In his role as Associate Dean, Dr. Sanders provides leadership in building capacities in technology and research. He has published and presented nationally on building technology and distance education capacities. Dr. Sanders is also the editor of the North Dakota Journal of Human Services which is published both in paper form and on the Internet. He has been a part of the GP IDEA for about four years and participated in a number of distance education faculty development projects.

Dr. Rick J. Scheidt, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of Family Studies and Human Services Kansas State University
Dr. Scheidt teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in adult development and aging (FSHS 510 and FSHS 845), Aging in the Cinema, and graduate
courses in research methods (FSHS 890). He also supervises field placements for gerontology students completing an emphasis in long term care administration. His research interests include environment-aging relations and rural aging. He recently co-edited *Environment and Aging Theory: A Focus on Housing* and is presently editing *Physical Environments and Aging: Critical Contributions of M. Powell Lawton*. Dr. Scheidt is a Fellow in the American Psychological Association, the American Psychological Society, and the Gerontological Society of America, reflecting his long term research and service contributions to adult development and aging at a national and international level.

**Jean Pearson Scott, Ph.D.**  
Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Studies  
Texas Tech University

Dr. Scott teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in gerontology and in research methods. Her research interests include multivariate studies on physical, psychological, and social factors associated with the aging process. Areas of interest include rural elderly, older women’s issues, family caregiving, informal and formal support systems of older adults, and end-of-life decision making.

**Barbara Stoecker, Ph.D.**  
Professor, Department of Nutritional Sciences  
Oklahoma State University  
Information not available

**OTHER FACULTY INFORMATION**  
Students are assigned a grad faculty advisor but they may select their own committee members which may be from other college campuses. It is recommended that they select one of the faculty that teaches in an area most closely related to the student’s interest. Currently we are using three faculty advisors for the K-State-enrolled students. This has not been an excessive load as most of the students take an extended period of time to get through the program, naturally staggering the period of time when their need for assistance is greatest. In addition, most of the practical aspects of advising are done by the GP-IDEA office staff, leaving the more academic advising to the grad faculty. This program does not require a thesis or report. While a major project is required it is done in a class therefore limiting advisor responsibilities.

The Center plans to recruit at least 2 more faculty members in the next 2 years to teach and advise students. Projected costs for the program are expected to be covered by tuition revenue. Student advisors will earn summer salary paid from Center on Aging internal funds.
2. **Number of graduate assistants**

This program does not offer graduate assistantships because it is an online program.

**D. Academic support**

1. **Needed Services**

   Students in this inter-institutional program are provided with the full range of services provided to KSU students in all inter-institutional programs sponsored by the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance. Specifically, each KSU student is assigned a major professor who provides academic guidance and the Great Plains IDEA campus coordinator provides logistical and student services support. The KSU library provides access to library materials and the Division of Continuing Education technical support staff provide technical support to students in the specialization.

   1. **New library materials or other types of resources needed**

   The Division of Continuing Education coordinates library services. Current holdings are adequate and the virtual library services meet the needs of this program adequately.

   2. **New support staff**

   This program is currently supported by a full-time campus coordinator and two part time positions who oversee student services and coordinate management of the inter-institutional program. These positions are funded by student fees. No new support staff will be needed.

**E. Facilities and Equipment**

1. **Anticipated facilities required**

   Existing facilities at KSU are sufficient for offering this program. Since the courses are delivered via the Internet, minimal demands are placed upon on-campus facilities and equipment. Computer upgrades and software are an ongoing need and will be funded through course enrollment fees.

   2. **New equipment required**

   Assuming a routine maintenance/replacement schedule, existing computer resources should support the program adequately.
F. Program review, assessment and accreditation

1. Evaluation and/or review processes / Program accreditation
There is no accrediting body for gerontology. The program of study has been designed to meet the guidelines suggested by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. The curriculum will be monitored to assure that students are fulfilling these requirements, and if changes in these national guidelines occur, the program of study will be modified if needed. Program effectiveness measures will include student completion of individual courses and the degree program, program costs, technical support strategies, and program administration strategies.

2. Measuring student outcomes
The Gerontology faculty of the Great Plains IDEA program have identified the following student learning outcomes:

1. Demonstrate a basic understanding of specific issues regarding adult development, family systems, health and nutrition, public policy, the environment, and research as related to older adults and their families.

2. Apply research findings and skills to solve problems related to older adults and their families.

3. Synthesize critical issues related to aging from a multidisciplinary perspective.

The SLOs will be assessed as follows:

The Student Learning Outcomes will be assessed during the final examination for graduate students. Gerontology graduate students have two options for their exams. They may give oral presentations of the case study developed during the Professional Seminar Course for their committees or they may write responses to questions posed by their committee members. Students in the seminar course are expected to develop a case study evaluation as the culmination of this course—bringing together all their prior knowledge to problem solve. Questions posed to the students during the oral presentation and written exams will highlight the student learning outcomes. Scoring rubrics will be used for this assessment. In addition, exit surveys for the students will include questions related to student learning outcomes.

Gerontology students will be assessed during their final examination which will be completed for most as they are completing their final course work. A scoring rubric was reviewed by GP-IDEA faculty at an April, 2007
meeting. This process will be evaluated and revised at the November GP-IDEA meeting. A revised scoring rubric will be used with the Summer 08 capstone course students. These results will be reported to the CSU assessment site for GP-IDEA courses as well as here at K-State. Data will be collected and reported annually. Each of the three student learning outcomes will be assessed by analyzing the case studies using a scoring rubric with the following criteria.

**Well Above Expectation**- demonstrates exemplary mastery of material, ability to make numerous interdisciplinary connections, clear, strong writing abilities with sharp skills for critical analysis, and an in-depth appreciation for the diversity of lifestyles and issues of aging populations from different socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds.

**Above Expectation**- demonstrates an above average mastery of material, ability to make interdisciplinary connections, possesses above average writing abilities, and shows an appreciation of the diversity of lifestyles and issues of aging populations.

**At Expectation**- demonstrates average mastery of material, ability to make interdisciplinary connections, possesses adequate writing abilities, and appreciates many diversity issues of aging populations.

**Below Expectation**- below average understanding of knowledge required of majors, has difficulty making interdisciplinary connections, possesses unclear, poorly structured writing skills, and lacks understanding of the diversity issues involved in aging populations.

It is expected that 80% of all students will score “at expectation” or higher.

Data collected will be reviewed by the GP-IDEA faculty at their annual November meeting. Key findings will be discussed and disseminated to all gerontology faculty with weaknesses highlighted and suggestions for improvements that can be implemented.
CENTER ON AGING

Mission, Centrality and Uniqueness

The mission of the Center on Aging is to provide a focus on aging issues through teaching, research, outreach and service that orients the talents of the faculty and resources of the University towards identifying and addressing the challenges and opportunities of an aging society. It provides multidisciplinary education on aging issues, coordinates gerontology curricula, develops educational and training programs, promotes and conducts aging-related research, disseminates knowledge about aging issues and fosters collaboration with aging-related community and professional organizations.

The secondary major in gerontology, which may include an emphasis in long-term care administration, provides students at Kansas State University the opportunity to integrate knowledge received in their major professional disciplines with a program of academic study and field experience in gerontology. These programs are of special interest to students preparing for careers in such diverse fields as nutrition, communications sciences and disorders, family life education, human development, dietetics, social work, interior design, physical therapy, marketing, health care professions, architecture, engineering, and business administration.

The Center on Aging’s undergraduate programs have experienced growth for the past several years. The number of graduates from the secondary majors in gerontology are nine for 2004, fourteen for 2005, seventeen for 2006, and twenty-three in May/August 2007. A report conducted by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education indicates that for a 4-year undergraduate program, the average number of students completing the program each year is 8. Our graduation rate is well above this average and we anticipate that upward trend will continue.

The Kansas State enrollment in the Great Plains IDEA program has seen similar growth. Currently the majority of the students in the program are registered at Kansas State and enrollment is competitive with a 35 student cap.

Quality of the Faculty

Membership in the Gerontology Faculty is open to all Kansas state University faculty and administrators, and is based on demonstrated expertise in aging-related issues by regular teaching responsibility for one or more courses approved for gerontology credit, research and other scholarly or creative endeavor involving aging-related issues, and/or Extension responsibilities or significant service contributions involving aging-related issues. Members of the Gerontology Faculty are expected to maintain familiarity with current gerontological issues through involvement in research or other scholarly or
creative endeavors, involvement in conferences or meeting, or equivalent contact with literature in the field. Currently there are 31 faculty and 1 adjunct faculty representing the colleges of Agriculture, Architecture, Arts & Sciences, Engineering, and Human Ecology and 17 different departments within those colleges. A total of 11 of these faculty are from departments within the College of Human Ecology.

The Great Plains IDEA consortium was created to take advantage of the teaching talents in the Midwest. Faculty from Kansas State contribute their expertise while other universities offer areas of expertise that we could not alone have provided. Members of the faculty have not only demonstrated a commitment to teaching superior course content but have similarly made the commitment to develop their skills in teaching on-line courses through creative and meaningful methodology. An informal student survey completed last year indicated that students were very pleased and satisfied with the instructors and the material that they were learning.

Quality of Students

Students completing a secondary major in gerontology must complete additional coursework beyond that required for their primary degree. In many cases the gerontology coursework may add an additional year to completion of their Bachelors degree – specifically the long-term care administration emphasis. Students who complete the gerontology coursework are very committed to making a difference in the lives of aging Kansans and those who work with them. Students completing the long-term care administration emphasis must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA in their gerontology and business coursework and upon graduation must take a licensing exam for Adult Care Home Administrators in Kansas.

Great Plains IDEA students must have a 3.0 grade point average to apply for the program. In addition, they must demonstrate written proficiency with an essay highlighting their goals for receiving a master’s degree in gerontology. From these essays, students have been selected for the program to represent a diversity of experience and geographic locations. Students who have had some background working with elders are preferred as instructors have learned that this experience enhances the on-line interaction of the students. Because the majority of the students have been non-traditional or older, they seem to have a higher level of commitment to their education and to each other.

Employer Demand

Virtually all recent undergraduates have obtained employment or gone on to graduate or professional programs after graduation, with approximately 90%
choosing careers that are aging-related, regardless of their primary majors. Current demographic trends project increasing demand for professionals in all disciplines with knowledge and training in aging. Increased opportunities will be available in the service sector to provide all aspects of health care, social services, transportation, housing needs, and legal assistance. More researchers are needed to study the aging process and diseases associated with aging, more designers are needed to produce products and living areas to meet the special needs of older persons, and more business, financial, and legal consultants are needed for advising older clients. A white paper on this topic is available at www.ksu.edu/gerontology/pdfs/white%20paperrevised.pdf.

Great Plains IDEA students inform us that they hope to use their credentials to move vertically within their current organization. Others are interested in social policy and hope to work with governmental agencies. Still others recognize a potential for a new career working with aging populations. Some newly recognized careers include Geriatric Financial Planning, Geriatric Care Management, and Geriatric Mediation.

**Service provided to the Discipline, University and Beyond**

The Center’s mission specifically identifies service as a core component. Our research funding is for a project that is of direct service to the nursing home industry in Kansas. The PEAK-ED project was created by the Kansas Department on Aging to promote more social, non-traditional models of long-term care. The education component of PEAK supports Kansas nursing homes in implementing progressive, innovative approaches to care that should make a significant difference in the quality of care and the quality of life for those living and working in long-term care environments. KSU develops and disseminates educational resources for nursing homes to use in this process. Resources include a focus on the philosophy and values of changing the culture of care as well as provide different strategies and exemplars for accomplishing such changes. The KSU Center on Aging has received national recognition for this program and even though the PEAK materials were developed for use in Kansas, they have been requested by individuals and organizations located in 25 additional states and Canada. More information on the project is available at www.ksu.edu/peak/.

Because of the Center on Aging’s long-term commitment to long-term care issues this has become the priority planning focus. The association with Kansas Department on Aging and the PEAK program have allowed the Center staff and faculty to become experts in this field. This priority has been what we’ve used to develop new classes for the Great Plains IDEA program. Each of the elective courses developed in the past two years have been directly associated with long-term care: Ethics and Health Care, Seminar in Long-Term Care Administration and Mental Health and Aging. A fourth class,
Global Perspectives of Eldercare was offered on-line but not as a GP-IDEA elective. It is expected that it will be placed into the course rotation in the future.

Cost Effectiveness

The gerontology program is interdisciplinary and capitalizes on departmental resources across the university as well as those at partner organizations. Our PEAK research initiative helps to support the educational activities of the Center, including the gerontology curricula. Some of the courses for the gerontology curriculum are offered online through the Division of Continuing Education so that the course is self supporting and also helps to fund other education initiatives.
DROP:

BAE 690. Non-Point Pollution Engineering. (3) I. Management of diffuse sources of pollution generally resulting from storm water and runoff. Use of models and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to evaluate the extent and magnitude of non-point pollution, legislation and programs affecting non-point pollution, and design of treatment and management systems. Non-point pollutants addressed include: nutrients, pesticides, sediment, and hazardous wastes. Three hours lec. a week. Pr.: BAE551 or CE551.

BAE 761. Natural Treatment Systems. (3) I, in even years. Engineering analysis, modeling, and design of natural systems for treating liquid and solid wastes. Applications of plant and microbial systems. Three hours rec. a week. Pr.: MATH 221 and one of the following courses: BAE 530, CE 563, BIOL 529 or 612, ATM 661.

5) Graduate Council Student Affairs Committee
   Digital signature for ETDR-Final Approval for Electronic Submission and Electronic Submission Title Page

   After discussion on the impact of requiring a digital signature for the ETDR Final Approval Ballot and/or the electronic submission title page, the Graduate Council proposed to send the item back to the committee for additional feedback.

6) Graduate Council Committee on Planning

   On behalf of the Committee on Planning, John Keller, chair, proposed the following changes to the Graduate Handbook for a second reading. The motion passed.

Second reading. Changes to the Graduate Handbook, Chapter 1, Admission to Graduate Study, Section E - Graduate Assistants

E. GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

   The principal objective of a graduate student is to pursue a concerted program of study that will normally lead to an advanced degree in the chosen academic discipline. To assist students to pursue their studies full-time, the University makes available financial assistance through a limited number of graduate teaching assistantships, graduate research assistantships and graduate assistantships. These assistantship appointments carry with them a nominal service requirement, typically directed at improving professional skills in their academic fields. To fulfill the obligation that students pursue studies full-time, graduate assistants must be enrolled for a minimum of six (6) semester hours of graduate credit.

   Tuition responsibilities for students appointed as graduate assistants for 0.4 full-time equivalent (FTE) or greater depends on the nature of the appointment. Students holding 0.4 FTE appointments as graduate teaching assistants have their tuition waived. Students holding 0.4 FTE appointments as graduate research assistants or graduate assistants (or any combination of graduate assistant appointments) pay reduced tuition at the staff rate according to an established schedule. Students who receive stipend checks from September 1 through November 17 receive tuition
benefits for the fall semester, and students who receive stipend checks from February 1 through April 17 receive tuition benefits for the spring semester. Graduate students who are both enrolled and have at least a 0.4 teaching appointment during the summer semester are eligible to receive a full tuition waiver. Graduate students who hold at least a 0.4 total appointment during the summer semester but only a partial appointment as a teaching assistant are eligible to receive the employee tuition rate and a partial tuition waiver based on the amount of the teaching appointment.

Disputes concerning graduate assistants (GTA/GRA/GA) are employment matters that should be originated with the appointing department and be addressed through normal supervisory channels. The student should begin addressing the concern with the assigned supervisor of the assistantship and, if necessary, proceed to the department or unit head. If the matter is not resolved at the department or unit level, the student may present it to the Dean of the College of which the (GTA/GRA/GA) is employed. Formal grievance procedures do not apply to these appointments.

Individuals having employment disputes believed to constitute discrimination, including sexual harassment as described and defined in the “Policy and Procedure for Discrimination and Harassment Complaints” in the University Handbook should contact Affirmative Action or the Office of Student Life.
Second reading. Changes to the Graduate Handbook, Appendix A, Section B, Graduate Student Academic Grievance Procedures

The Graduate Handbook contains general rules and procedures governing graduate education developed by the Graduate Council. In addition, each graduate program may have more detailed departmental or program guidelines that specify how that degree program operates within general Graduate School policies, and what graduate students can expect during their graduate career. If departmental or program policies are inconsistent with Graduate School policy, the Graduate School policy is the overriding policy.

1. Scope of Authority

This policy is designed to resolve concerns and grievances brought by graduate students related to their graduate level academic program as more fully defined below. The formal grievance must be initiated within 6 months of the time that the graduate student knows of the matter prompting the grievance, or the graduate student relinquishes any opportunity to pursue the grievance. Under these procedures, a graduate student is any person who has been formally admitted as a graduate student at the time the alleged events leading to the grievance occurred. A grievance means a dispute concerning some aspect of academic involvement arising from an administrative or faculty decision which the graduate student claims is unjust or is in violation of his or her rights established through formal prior agreement. "Grievances" under this procedure shall include disputes over grades, course requirements, graduation/degree program requirements, and thesis and dissertation committee and/or advisor decisions.

Non-academic conduct of graduate students is governed by the KSU Student Code of Conduct in the Student Life Handbook and the hearing procedures therein. The undergraduate grievance procedure, as described in Appendix A of the Student Life Handbook, applies to any academic matter involving an undergraduate student taking graduate courses. The Veterinary Medicine academic grievance procedures, as described in Appendix A of the Student Life Handbook, govern academic matters involving courses within the DVM degree. The K-State Honor & Integrity System, as described in the Student Life Handbook, governs issues of academic integrity. Allegations of misconduct believed to constitute discrimination, including sexual harassment as described and defined in the “Policy and Procedure for Discrimination and Harassment Complaints,” “Prohibiting Sexual Harassment,” and “Policy Prohibiting Racial and/or Ethnic Harassment” in the University Handbook should be referred to the Affirmative Action Office or the Office of Student Life. Allegations of assault covered under the “Policy Prohibiting Sexual Violence” should be referred to the Office of Student Life.
2. Definition of Terms

a. Graduate Student - Under these procedures, a graduate student is any person who has been formally admitted into the Graduate School of Kansas State University and was enrolled as a graduate student at the time the alleged events leading to the grievance occurred.

b. Grievance - A grievance means a dispute concerning some aspect of academic involvement arising from an administrative or faculty decision which the graduate student claims is unjust or is in violation of his or her rights established through formal prior agreement. "Grievances" under this procedure shall include disputes over grades, course requirements, graduation/degree program requirements, and thesis and dissertation committee and/or advisor decisions.

c. Respondent - The person(s) against whom a grievance is being made.

d. Working Days - For the purpose of this section a "working day" is defined as any weekday that is part of the regular nine-month academic calendar, including all days that classes are conducted and the period of final examinations. Legal holidays and the time when summer school is in session are excluded from the definition of "working day." However, if it is agreed to by all of the parties, a hearing can be conducted and/or the process completed during a vacation period.

3. Guidelines for Administrative Review and Conflict Resolution

a. The graduate student should attempt to resolve any grievance first with the faculty member, supervisory committee, or administrator involved.

b. If, after earnest inquiry, the conflict remains unresolved, the graduate student should discuss the grievance with the department head/chairperson, or other immediate administrative superior of the respondent, the academic dean or his/her designee and, if pertinent, with any relevant departmental faculty member or committee. If the outcome of this conflict resolution process is successful, then the resolution shall be reduced to writing with copies provided to the graduate student, respondent, administrative superior, and academic dean involved in the conflict resolution session.

c. If the conflict resolution process is not successful, the academic dean and the associate dean of the Graduate School will confer to determine if further conflict resolution steps should be pursued.
4. Formal Grievance Procedure

a. If the grievance is not resolved by the above discussions and the graduate student then chooses to pursue the matter further, the issue must be reduced to writing within 10 working days by the graduate student and sent immediately to the associate dean of the Graduate School. A Notice of Grievance form, available in the Graduate School or on the Graduate School website must be submitted with the written statement. The written grievance shall include a clear, concise statement of the policy or policies/procedures violated, and the redress requested. The associate dean of the Graduate School shall forward a copy of the grievance to the respondent. Within 10 working days after receipt of the grievance, the respondent shall provide the associate dean of the Graduate School with a copy of his or her written response.

b. Upon receipt of the written response, the associate dean of the Graduate School shall, within 10 working days, appoint an ad hoc grievance committee to hear and make a recommendation regarding the grievance. The associate dean of the Graduate School shall appoint, from the membership of the Graduate Council, a committee chair (without vote), and 3 committee members. A member of the Graduate School staff will be selected as secretary (without vote). Two graduate students will be appointed as committee members from a slate of nominees selected by the Graduate Student Council.

c. The hearing shall be scheduled within 30 working days after the appointment of the ad hoc grievance committee barring extenuating circumstances.

d. Guidelines for ad hoc grievance committee hearings

1. Pre-hearing procedures

   a. Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be given by the chair to the graduate student and the respondent not less than 10 working days prior to the hearing.

   b. The notice shall include the written grievance and the written response of the respondent.

   c. A copy of the procedures guiding the hearings shall accompany the notice.
d. The following must be submitted by each party to the chair at least five working days prior to the hearing:

   i. A copy of all written supporting documentation that the party will present at the hearing,

   ii. A list of witnesses to be called by the party (each party is responsible for ensuring that his/her witnesses are at the hearing), and

   iii. The name of any advisor who will accompany the party to the hearing and whether the advisor is an attorney.

2. Hearing

   a. The hearing will be conducted informally and the committee will have complete discretion in deciding any procedural questions that arise during the hearing.

   b. At the hearing, each party may be accompanied by an advisor, who may advise the party but not participate in the hearing.

   c. All hearings shall be closed except for parties to the grievance and their advisors unless the graduate student requests that the hearing be open. All parties are advised that the Committee routinely records the hearing for its own use.

   d. The committee will permit each party to present a brief opening statement of no more than 10 minutes.

   e. The evidence shall be presented by the graduate student and then by the respondent at the hearing.

   f. The parties and the committee shall have the opportunity to question all witnesses.

   g. The committee will accept any evidence, information, or testimony, which it feels is pertinent to the grievance and will help the committee understand and evaluate the issue(s) before it. The committee chair will determine the relevance and materiality of the evidence offered. Legal rules of evidence shall not apply.

   h. Following the presentation of evidence, the committee will permit each party to present a brief closing statement of no more than 10 minutes.

   i. The committee will meet in closed session to deliberate and recommend action to the Dean of the Graduate School on the grievance.
j. Within ten (10) working days from the conclusion of the hearing, the committee will prepare a report which will serve as its recommendation to the Dean of the Graduate School. The report will contain the factual findings of the committee and the reasons for the recommendation. The Dean of the Graduate School will consider the committee’s recommendation and transmit a final decision to both parties within ten (10) working days of receiving the Committee’s recommendation.

5. Enforcement of the Graduate School’s Decision

The Graduate School has the authority to enforce the decision.
7) Graduate Council Committee on Assessment and Review

On behalf of the Committee on Assessment and Review, Carol Shanklin proposed the following template for Graduate Certificate Program Review for approval. The motion passed.

**Graduate Certificate Review Report**

The following information should be presented in a separate document for each certificate offered by an academic unit. Items I through IV are provided as background information for the Assessment and Review Committee and should not exceed two pages.

**I. Introduction**

A. College(s) and Department(s) involved.
B. Person(s) responsible for preparing the report.
C. Brief description and history of the certificate program.

**II. Certificate Description/Purpose**

A. *Brief* statement of the goal(s) or mission of the certificate program. Discuss if the goal(s) has/have changed since the certificate program was initially approved.

B. *Brief* statement of the relationship of the certificate program to other academic degrees in the College, University, and State, as appropriate.

C. *Brief* statement of the uniqueness of the certificate program, as appropriate, to the College, University, Regents System, State, Region, and Nation.

**III. Self Evaluation of Faculty and General Programs**

A. *Briefly* describe how teaching and scholarly activities of participating faculty contribute to the goal(s) and student learning outcomes of the certificate program. If any curricular changes have been implemented since the certificate program was initially approved, *briefly* describe them.

**IV. Student Enrollment and Completion**

A. *Briefly* indicate the student demand for the certificate program. Measures of demand may include numbers of students seeking the certificate and the number completing the certificate during the period of the review. Indicate the number of students completing the certificate program as non-degree, if any, compared to those completing the certificate program while pursuing a graduate degree.

**V. Assessment of Student Learning (ASL) – A cumulative report since the last review. (This section will be in lieu of the Annual Progress Report on ASL that is due in March of each year.)**

A. List the student learning outcomes that were assessed during the period of the review.

B. For each learning outcome, describe the measures used (over a three-year period approximately one-half of the measures used are to be direct measures, and at least one direct measure must be used for each student learning outcome), the sample of students from whom data were collected, the timetable for the collection, and the forum in which the measures were administered. (Examples of direct measures can be accessed at [http://www.k-state.edu/assessment/plans/measures/direct.htm](http://www.k-state.edu/assessment/plans/measures/direct.htm)).

C. Describe the results of the assessments.

D. Describe the process by which faculty reviewed the results and decided on the actions and/or revisions that were indicated by them.

E. Describe the actions and/or revisions that were implemented in response to the assessment results.

F. Describe the effects on student learning of the actions and/or revisions.
8) **Graduate Student Council Information**
Kellan Kershner, Graduate Student Council (GSC) President, presented an update of the Graduate Student Council’s activities. GSC hosted Professional Development Seminars on Writing a Teaching Philosophy and Statement of Research Interest on October 25, 2007 and Vita Writing on November 15, 2007. Both were very successful.

GSC needs volunteers to assist on many committees. This includes the following committees: Research Forum, GTA/GRA/GA Affairs, Seminar List, International Student Affairs, and Professional Development. If you have a student interested in volunteering, please let them know that you would support them in their efforts.

9) **University Research and Scholarship**
No report

10) **Other business**
No report

Council was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.