Action Items

- Judd Bonner opened the meeting in prayer.

- Nicole MacDonald presented a proposal to drop the chemistry pre-requisite from the Master of Science in Athletic Training program.
  - The proposal is consistent with other programs most of which to not require the course.
  - The course is not a requirement in meeting competency standards for Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).
  - Doing away with the course removes a potential barrier to program admission.

The proposal was approved.

- Gary Collins presented a proposal for a 60-66 unit Ph.D. (120 units including the Master of Science Degree) in Medical Family Therapy for conceptual approval.
  - Program distinctives include the following:
    - innovative scientific and clinical content that takes a holistic approach,
    - ability to meet an emerging and relevant market niche (only one similar program on the east coast is beginning to meet market demand in this field),
    - a unifying systemic theme for the School of Behavioral Sciences from undergraduate study to a terminal degree, and
    - distinctive academic and professional opportunities for graduates.
  - Although the Doctor of Psychology was initially considered, further thought and research determined that the Ph.D in
Medical Family Therapy fit the program better for the following reasons.

- Program content prepares students to address biomedical, psychosocial, spiritual and environmental knowledge which supports a label of “Medical.”
- Anecdotal evidence from medical personnel supports the title of Medical Family Therapy.
- Course content prepares psychology and counseling professionals to be part of the medical team.

Program goals include the following.

- To develop a critical understanding of the theoretical and philosophical foundations of Medical Family Therapy through the use of psychosocial, spiritual, systemic and biomedical paradigms.
- To acquire clinical practice skills under the supervision of American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) or California Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (CAMFT) approved supervisors.
- To conduct research studies using the biosocial/spiritual model and to engage in collaborative outcome studies related to conditions of illness and wellness.
- To explore additional learning opportunities to deepen and enhance specialized interests.
- To inform and advance the understanding of diversity issues (e.g., gender, age, socioeconomic status, culture, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, spirituality and religion).
- To increase the focus on relational systems that is presently the hallmark of the Master of Science Program at California Baptist University.

Admissions requirements are being developed as follows.

- Completed masters degree in psychological counseling, marriage and family therapy, or a related, licensable discipline.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.2 on a four-point scale for previous graduate work.
- Sample of scholarly writing
- Statement of purpose
- Personal interview
- Applicants to the program who reside in California must have completed all academic requirements for licensure in California.
- Other requirements as stated in the CBU catalog to be aligned with other doctoral programs in development.
  
  - Program requirements and coursework
    - Students may transfer and up to nine semesters of applicable doctoral coursework towards the degree in Medical Family Therapy.
    - Students who do not have a masters degree in an appropriate field (see admissions requirements above) must complete such a degree before being admitted to the doctoral program.
    - Doctoral candidacy requirements are yet to be determined
    - New courses for the program will include the following
      - 6XX Introduction to Concepts in Medical Family Therapy 3
        (This course will include theory and clinical application in medical family therapy.)
      - 6XX Adaptive Family Systems 3
        (World View Congruence, Resilience and Interactional Success of Exceptional Families.)
      - 6XX Genetic/Familial Disorders 3
        (Autism Spectrum Disorders, Huntington’s, Dwarfism, etc.)
      - 6XX Gender and Ethnicity in Medical Family Therapy 3
        (Examines concerns and research related to gender and ethnicity issues.)
      - 6XX Chronic Illness and Disability 3
        (Epilepsy, Parkinson’s, HIV-AIDS, Multiple Sclerosis, Obesity, Alzheimer’s, etc.)
      - 6XX Aging and Long-Term Care in Medical Family Therapy 3
      - 6XX Biosocial and Spiritual Models of Mental Illness 3
      - 6XX Toxic Faith: Systemic Causation and Healing
        (Spiritual Pathology and Redemption)
      - 6XX Quantitative Research Methodology 3
        (web enhanced)
      - 6XX Qualitative Research Methodology 3
        (web enhanced)
      - 6XX Research Ethics 3
      - 7XX Relational Theology and Systems of Healing 3
      - 7XX Pharmacology for the Medical Family Therapist 3
The proposal was approved for concept development.

- Andy Herrity proposed that the current written project completed in BUS 547 and BUS 596 be replaced as a culminating experience in the MBA program with a Business Simulation Capstone course (BUS 5XX) using the CapSim program.
  - 80% of MBA programs are moving in this direction.
  - The simulation would enable students to complete the program in a more timely manner.
  - The course will be team taught over 12 weeks.
  - The simulation will enhance the program’s treatment of the ASBSP requirement that all students engage in an integrated experience during the program.

The proposal was approved.

- Andy Herrity proposed a change to admissions requirements for the MBA program as follows.
  - GPA of at least 3.0 and either GRE or GMAT to be evaluated in combination with GPA and experience OR documentation of at least 2 years of professional or management experience.
  - If GPA is below 3.0 and at least 2.75, a GMAT score of 500 OR documentation of at least 5 years of professional or management experience will be required.
  - Applicants with a GPA of at least 3.5 are not required to submit a GMAT or GRE score or documentation of business or management experience.
o Gail Ronveaux supported these changes for the MBA program in response to feedback from potential applicants. Other programs have not experienced the same perceptions about lower requirements and rigor.

**The proposal was approved.**

- Andy Herrity proposed a new 1 unit course for the alumni MBA program to be repeated three times to replace BUS 520 Managerial Ethics.
  o The total number of units for the program remains unchanged.
  o The course will better equip alumni with skills commensurate with the MBA degree.
  o Students receive ample ethical preparation through BUS 520 Managerial Ethics, which is grounded in biblical principles, and discussion of ethical issues and biblical principles woven into most other courses in the program.
  o Students have reported finding BUS 520 redundant given these other avenues through which business ethics are explored.
  o By spreading these 3 units across the program students will be better able to complete the program in three semesters.

**The proposal was approved.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

The next meeting of the graduate Curriculum Committee is scheduled for 28 April 2008.