

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
October 22, 2002
Pending Approval

Meeting convened at 3:02 –Dean Atlas presiding.

Members present: John Firriolo, Susan Griffin, Vicki Hines-Martin, Carlton Hornung, Ruth Huber, Waldemar Karwowski, Bruce Kemelgor, Carolyn Klinge, Stephen Looney, Dismas Masolo, Phyllis Metcalf-Turner, Suzanne Meeks, William Pierce, Joseph Steffen, Grant Taylor, Deborah Voltz and James Wittliff.
Ex Officio: Michael Cuyjet and Richard Stremel.

Members Absent: Henry Luka, Peter Meyer, Ron Sahoo and William Wead.

Guests: Annette Allen, Sarah Hendrix, Inessa Levi, Thomas Mackey, Stephen Miller, Linda Shapiro, Robert St. Clair and Elaine Wise.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the September 24, 2002 meeting of Graduate Council.

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the September meeting. Moved by Waldemar Karwowski and seconded by Joe Steffen.

PASSED.

2. Report of the Curriculum Committee.

- Proposal for a Ph.D. in Humanities

Council considered the report of the Curriculum Committee on a new Ph.D. in Humanities, proposed by the College of Arts and Sciences. Inessa Levi and several members of the A&S faculty were present on behalf the program to respond to questions. They also provided an updated budget to reflect current tuition costs. Dr. Steffen expressed concern with SACS requirements with respect to students serving as TA's in the first year. He was assured that all students would be post-Master's in education. In response to a question concerning teaching faculty it was indicated that the faculty would be drawn from Humanities, History, Art History, Philosophy, etc.. It was noted that 0.22 of an FTE to run a doctoral program is very minimal support.

MOTION: To approve the Committee's recommendation for approval of the Proposal for a Ph.D. in Humanities.

PASSED.

- Proposal for an Accelerated M.A. in History

Thomas Mackey was present to respond to questions concerning the proposed program. This accelerated Master's follows the model of others developed by A&S. A question was raised about the "core" courses in History, since it is a CPE requirement that ½ of the credit hours must be in a "core" curriculum. It is not clear that the History Department is organized in quite that way. The resolution of "core" was left to the Provost's Office and the Department.

MOTION: To approve the Committee's recommendation for approval of the proposed accelerated M.A. in History.
PASSED with one Abstention.

- Proposal for an Accelerated M.S. in Physics.

No member of the program was present to respond to questions. It was noted that this proposal differed from the model in that it required a GPA of 3.00 in Physics and a GPA of 3.35 overall for admission.

MOTION: To table discussion of the proposal for clarification. Motion made by Bill Pierce and seconded by Joe Steffen.

PASSED.

3. Revision of the Report of the Nominations Committee

The Report of the Nominations Committee from the September meeting had listed a faculty member on a committee incorrectly. The Committee required a tenured graduate faculty member to serve. Bill Wead, Chair of the Committee, suggested the substitution of Ayo Adeagbo into this position on the Faculty Grievance Committee. A replacement alternate member of the Student Grievance Committee will be sought to replace Dr. Adeagbo on that Committee.

MOTION: To approve the change in roster of Committees submitted by the Nominations Committee. Motion made by Susan Griffin and seconded by Joe Steffen.

PASSED.

4. Report of the Membership Committee

Dr. Steffen presented the report for the Committee.

The following individuals were reviewed by the Membership Committee and were recommended as **Senior Members** of the **Graduate Faculty**:

- Timothy E. Aldrich, Ph.D., *Department of Family and Community Medicine, School of Medicine.*
- David J. Tollerud, M.D., *School of Public Health/Health Information Sciences.*
- James E. Graham, Ph.D., *Department of Microbiology and Immunology, School of Medicine.*
- Gavin E. Arteel, Ph.D., *Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, School of Medicine.*
- Robert J. Esterhay, Jr., Ph.D., *School of Public Health/Health Information Sciences.*
- Teresa Whei-Mei Fan, Ph.D., *Department of Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences.*

MOTION: To approve the recommendations of the Membership Committee.

PASSED.

The following individuals were reviewed by the Membership Committee and were recommended as **Members** of the **Graduate Faculty**:

- Karen C. Hadley, Ph.D. *Department of English*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Bingtuan Li, Ph.D., *Department of Mathematics*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Pat B. Blackwell, Ph.D., *Department of Surgery*, School of Medicine.

MOTION: To approve the recommendations of the Membership Committee.
PASSED.

5. Discussion of Draft Policy on Graduate Faculty Status.

Policy:

All Graduate Faculty whose academic appointment at UofL is reduced to less than half-time, are automatically considered as Members of the Graduate Faculty. If requested, in writing, by the chair/director of the department/program and the unit dean, the Graduate Dean may confer appointment as Senior Member of the Graduate Faculty for a specified term.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Policy on Graduate Faculty Status was made by Ruth Huber and seconded by Joe Steffen.

PASSED, with one No vote.

6. Discussion of Draft Policy on Contact/Credit Hours

Policy:

For all graduate level (500, 600, and 700) courses, one lecture hour (or equivalent instructional experience) for each week of the academic term constitutes one credit hour. Laboratory courses require no fewer than two and one-half contact hours per credit hour for each week of the academic term. A class lecture hour is 50 minutes in duration.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Policy on Contact/Credit Hours was made by Bruce Kemelgor and seconded by Susan Griffin.

PASSED.

7. Other Business

Professor Scott Miller submitted a proposal to change the Graduate Council guidelines with respect to the Houchens Prize. "Any student who finishes a dissertation in a given semester, but misses the Houchens Prize application deadline, becomes eligible for nomination for the Prize during the next semester." Discussion of this change did not reveal an interest by Council in changing the nature of the awards at commencement.

MOTION: A motion to accept Professor Miller's change in guidelines was made by Bruce Kemelgor and seconded by Grant Taylor.

DEFEATED, by a 2 Yes, 7 No and 3 Abstention vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.