

## MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

August 26, 2003

Pending Approval

Meeting convened: 3:00 p.m.

Members present: John Firriolo, Susan Griffin, Vicki Hines-Martin, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Bruce Kemelgor, Carolyn Klinge, Ann Larson, Dismas Masolo, Phyllis Metcalf-Turner, Suzanne Meeks, Seow-Chin Ong, Rammohan Ragade, Ron Sahoo, Joseph Steffen, K. Grant Taylor, James Wittliff, and William Wead.

Ex-Officio: Ronald Atlas, Michael Cuyjet

Members Absent: Carlton Hornung, Jim Jumblatt, Waldemar Karwowski, Henry Luka, Peter Meyer

Guests: Mary "Libby" Leggett (Director Graduate Admissions); Buddy Enck (Associate Provost); Bill Biles (IE); Mike Boyle (Education-Leadership Foundations); Carolyn Rude-Parkins (Education--Leadership Foundations); Mary Hums (HPES); Alan Attaway, Bob Taylor, Wayne Jones, Steve Gohmann, and Russ Ray (CBPA); Adel Elmaghraby (CECS); James Brennan (A&S); Tom Lyons (CBPA).

Dean Atlas called the meeting to order and presided throughout.

1. MOTION: That the minutes of June 24, 2003 be approved. Motion made by Suzanne Meeks and seconded.  
PASSED.
2. Discussion of the Policy on Transcript Evaluation.

In January of 2003, Graduate Council approved a Policy on Transcript Evaluation for Foreign Graduate Students. The Policy requires all international applicants to graduate programs to submit their academic credentials to an external evaluation service and the Policy was to take effect on July 1 of this year. At last months Council meeting this issue was re-considered based upon communication from Associate Provost Enck. It was decided that Council needed to hear from him directly and the issue was Tabled. The issue was removed from the table. Extensive discussion involving all guests ensued.

Dr. Atlas provided some background and indicated some of the problems that have materialized, such as foreign students with high TOEFL and GRE scores and no command of the English language and students being admitted

without bachelor degrees or bachelor degrees that are the equivalent of two years undergraduate work. In the previous discussion of this issue it was indicated that UK used credentialing services. This was incorrect and only some departments require this, not the Graduate School. This issue is an ongoing topic of discussion at the meetings of the Council of Graduate Schools. Our current practice is that transcripts and other academic credentials are sent to departments for evaluation and recommendation for admission.

Dr. Enck indicated that IID does not make transcript decisions, but relies on other people who have experience with the programs. If there is a question, IID asks for an evaluation by an outside source and IID pays for the review. He indicated the roles of Professors Elmaghraby, Taylor, and Dean Brennan and friends and partners in this review process. Professor Taylor, who serves as Chair of the AACSB accrediting Committee, indicated that the international business programs meet accreditation standards and that certain foreign 3-year bachelor degrees were acceptable because secondary schools provide the equivalent of the first two years of college. Professor Elmaghraby argued that competence in English was not the primary factor in the scientific programs he directed. Dean Brennan stated that the new Policy would have unintended consequences including rigidity and expense and would prevent students from demonstrating their abilities. He also argued that fraudulent transcript issues needed to be separated from evaluations. Acting Dean Attaway offered that 9 of 12 classes in CBPA international programs are taught by the same faculty at UofL and offsite. Professor Rude-Parkins indicated that the same was true for Education programs.

Dean Atlas asked if Council should reverse its Policy. Neither the Graduate School nor the IID have the resources to subvent the charges for an external review. When asked if all applicants to the international programs were interviewed, Vice Provost Enck indicated the most applicants were interviewed by faculty or himself. Professor Huber inquired about the fees for these programs and Vice Provost Enck indicated that the fees went to the UofL Foundation and that the current fees were \$12,500 in Panama, \$15,000 in Germany, and \$11,000 in Greece.

MOTION: The motion was made by Professor Kemelgor and seconded by Professor Ragade to exempt international programs from the Policy on external credential evaluation.

PASSED

### 3. Report of the Curriculum Committee

Professor Kemelgor introduced Dr. Lyons to discuss Proposed Special Track in Housing and Community Development for the Master of Urban Planning. Professor Lyons indicated an opportunity to add track, the courses are

already in place. The proposed change is the same number of credit hours as the current MUP. Core curriculum is more than half of current program, a requirement for approval.

PASSED

4. Report of Membership Committee

Dr. Joe Steffen presented the Committee Report. The following individuals were reviewed by the Membership Committee and are recommended as members of the **Senior Graduate Faculty**:

- M. Keith Sharp, Sc.D., *Department of Mechanical Engineering*, Speed Scientific School.
- Christopher M. Richards, Ph.D., *Department of Mechanical Engineering*, Speed Scientific School.
- Roger D. Bradshaw, Ph.D., *Department of Mechanical Engineering*, Speed Scientific School.
- Cynthia Gulledge, Ph.D., *Department of Biology*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Jay Gulledge, Ph.D., *Department of Biology*, College of Arts and Sciences.

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

- Cheryl Hoyt Zambroski, Ph.D., School of Nursing.
- Seana Golder, Ph.D., Kent School of Social Work.
- Lisa A. Ruble, Ph.D., *Department of Pediatrics*, School of Medicine.
- Irma N. Ramos, M.D., *Department of Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences*, School of Public Health and Information Sciences.

MOTION: The Membership Committee moved that the above named individuals be elected to Graduate Faculty status.

PASSED.

5. Report of the Nominations Committee 2003-2004—Bill Wead presented.

**Faculty Grievance Committee**

**Honorary Degrees**

**Committee**

Elaine Wise, A&S (06)  
Peter Meyer, CBPA (05)  
George Cunningham, CEHD (06)  
Deborah Scott, Nursing (06)  
James L. Wittliff, Medicine (06)

Robert Stenger, Law (06)  
Bill Wead, Medicine (04)  
Carlton Hornung, PHIS (06)  
Ann Swank, CEHD (06)  
Jacek Zurada, Speed (06)

**Membership Committee**

Joe Steffen, A&S (05)  
Ruth Huber, Kent (06)  
Jean Christensen, Music (04)  
Jim Jumblatt, Medicine (06)

**Scholarship Committee**

Susan Griffin, A&S (06)  
Waldemar Karwowski, Speed (05)  
Larry Hunt, Medicine (06)

Ann Larson, CEHD (06)

**Curriculum Committee**

Bruce Kemelgor, CBPA (04)

Pam Feldhoff, Medicine (04)

William Biles, Speed (05)

Grant Taylor, A&S (06)

Gina Schack, CEDH (06)

**Nominations Committee**

Bill Wead, Medicine (04)

Phyllis Metcalf-Turner, CEHD (04)

Waldemar Karwowski, Speed (04)

Vicki Hines-Martin, Nursing (06)

Ron Sahoo, A&S (06)

**Student Academic Grievance Committee**

Phyllis Metcalf-Turner, CEHD (04)

Dale Schuschke, Medicine (05)

John Firriolo, Dentistry (06)

Andy Frey, Kent (06)

Yvonne Jones, A&S (06)

Alternates

Ayo Adeagbo, Medicine (06)

Dermott Collins, Speed (06)

MOTION: The Nominations Committee moved that the above named individuals (names corrected from original list) be elected.

PASSED.

5. Other Business

Dean Atlas described problems with University Fellowship students being awarded support at one level, but units are not funding them properly in the out years. Some Summer term students were not getting paid and/or not getting promised money. The Graduate Dean's Office was forced to pick up several students. It was requested that Council Members take this information back to units; departments need to provide promised funding.

Dean Atlas requested that programs encourage international students to stay at UofL. Each visa is a single entry and students can be stranded if they return to their home countries.

Dean Atlas distributed, for information only at this point, the Report of the Graduate School Vision-Focus-Action Committee. The Report is also available on the Internet. The Report has been transmitted to the Provost and will be a focus of discussion between the Dean and the Provost.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.