

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
November 23, 2004  
Pending Approval--DRAFT

Meeting convened at 3:05 p.m. – Dean Atlas presiding.

Members present: Namok Choi, Evelyne Gozal, Susan Griffin, Vicki Hines-Martin, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Waldemar Karwowski, Kathleen Klueber, Ann Larson, Henry Luka, Dismas Masolo, Seow-Chin Ong, George Pack, Rammohan Ragade, Ron Sahoo, S. Srinivasan, Joseph Steffen, and Nancy Theriot.

Ex officio: Ronald M. Atlas, Michael Cuyjet, and Richard Stremel.

Members Absent: David Clouthier, Carlton Hornung, Carolyn Klinge, and James Wittliff.

Guests: None.

Dean Atlas welcomed newly elected Council Members, Kathleen Klueber, Anatomical Sciences & Neurobiology and Nancy Theriot, Women's & Gender Studies and History.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the October 26, 2004 meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the October meeting as submitted. Moved by Waldemar Karwowski; seconded by Ruth Huber.

PASSED.

2. Report of the Membership Committee

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

- H. Andrew Chamblin, Ph.D., *Department of Physics*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Carla P. Hermann, Ph.D., R.N., School of Nursing.

MOTION: From the Committee, to approve the recommended nominations to the **Senior Members of the Graduate Faculty**.

PASSED.

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

- S. Lee Ridner, Ph.D., School of Nursing.
- La Creis Renee Kidd, Ph.D., M.P.H., *Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology*, School of Medicine.
- Wayne S. Zundel, Ph.D., *Departments of Radiation Oncology and Pharmacology & Toxicology*, School of Medicine.

MOTION: From the Committee to approve the recommendation of nominations to **Members of the Graduate Faculty**.

PASSED.

3. Approval of the List of Degree Candidates for the December Commencement.  
MOTION: On behalf of the Graduate Faculty, Graduate Council approves the list of candidates for the December Commencement and any additional candidates that complete all degree requirements prior to Commencement.  
PASSED.
  
4. Discussion of BYLAWS Revisions.  
Associate Dean Stremel continued the discussion of the Bylaws of the Graduate School. One topic of discussion dealt with inclusion of a requirement for Council members to attend Council meetings. Currently there is no requirement that elected Council members attend meetings. Since Council members are the representatives of larger faculty populations, absence from meetings can disenfranchise many graduate faculty. It was decided that rather than include a requirement for attendance in the Bylaws, a policy would be developed that encouraged attendance at meetings by informing the Council member and his/her unit Dean of more than three absences in a row. It was agreed that if language is to be added that clarifies Council population when new units are created, parallel language should describe the consequences of unit dissolution. A question arose concerning the use of "Term" when referring to Graduate Faculty appointments that are granted to individuals not tenured or on tenure-track at UofL. "Term" has a specific meaning in the Redbook and concern was expressed that using "term" in the Bylaws may lead to confusion. Alternate appellations included: ad hoc, temporary, and interim. No consensus was reached so this will be reconsidered at the December Council meeting. Clarification was suggested as to what exactly was meant by "capability for continuing" various activities in Sections 2.3.1.1 and 2.3.1.2. It was requested that Dr. Stremel provide a clean copy of revisions for the next Council meeting.
  
5. Other Business.  
Dean Atlas reminded everyone that Commencement is December 16<sup>th</sup> and there will be a Graduate School Honors Reception after rehearsal practice on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Graduate Council has been invited to both events.  
Dr. Atlas also shared his discussions with the Provost concerning the necessity to increase graduate student stipends to competitive levels. This CAR increase is estimated to be \$5.3M next year. The discussions of budget within the Office of the President are considering this need among many others within the University.

The Council meeting will be adjourned early so that interested members can stay and listen to a presentation of the newly functioning electronic graduate admission process.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m