

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
December 14, 2004
Pending Approval--DRAFT

Meeting convened at 3:06 p.m. – Dean Atlas presiding.

Members present: Namok Choi, Susan Griffin, Vicki Hines-Martin, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Carolyn Klinge, Elangovan Krishnan, Dismas Masolo, Seow-Chin Ong, George Pack, Ron Sahoo, S. Srinivasan, and Nancy Theriot.

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

Members Absent: David Clouthier, Evelyne Gozal, Carlton Hornung, Waldemar Karwowski, Kathleen Klueber, Ann Larson, Rammohan Ragade, Joseph Steffen, and James Wittliff.

Guests: Henry Luka, David Tolerud, and LaTomia Peters.

Dean Atlas welcomed newly elected Council Member, Elangovan Krishnan, GSC.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the November 23, 2004 meeting.
MOTION: To approve the minutes of the November meeting as submitted. Moved by Susan Griffin; seconded by George Pack.
PASSED.
2. Report of the Curriculum Committee
 - Revisions in the Master of Public Health Program
Dr. Tolerud presented the proposed changes in the Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree. Accreditation by the Council of Education for Public Health requires that the M.P.H. be the degree of record for the School of Public Health and Information Sciences. This degree and its program have previously been approved by Council, but the change from the M.S.P.H. to the M.P.H. required clarification of curriculum and areas of study within the 45 credit hour degree program. The changes do not affect other degrees offered within the SPHIS.
MOTION: A motion to approve the proposed changes comes from Committee and needs no second.
PASSED.
3. Report of the Membership Committee
The following individual was reviewed by the Membership Committee and is recommended as a **Member of the Graduate Faculty**:
 - Raphael C. Njoku, Ph.D., *Department of History*, College of Arts and Sciences.
MOTION: From the Committee to approve the recommendation of the nomination to **Member of the Graduate Faculty**.
PASSED.

4. Report on the Annual meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools.
Dean Atlas reported on the issues facing Graduate Schools that were topics of discussion at the 44th Annual Meeting of CGS. Topics included decreasing enrollment numbers for International Students, competition for graduate enrollments from European University's, the adoption of new three year bachelor degrees in Europe and whether they meet criteria for admission to U.S. graduate schools, and the consequences of the SEVIS fee and who is paying the new fee. The most significant move of CGS is the adoption of a more engaged and proactive role in Federal Relations.

5. Final Discussion of BYLAWS Revisions.
Associate Dean Stremel continued the discussion of the Bylaws of the Graduate School. The revised Bylaws had been sent electronically to all Council Members in advance of the meeting to facilitate discussion. All changes were readily accepted, including a change in terminology from "Term" graduate faculty appointments to "Ad Hoc" graduate faculty appointments. Section 2.5.5, which creates a new committee of Graduate Council - the Decanal Advisory Committee, was amended to clarify that the Graduate Student Council will elect the student representative to the Committee.
MOTION: The motion to approve the revised Bylaws as amended was made by Susan Griffin and seconded by Larry Hunt.
PASSED.

6. Other Business.
Dean Atlas reminded everyone that the next Council meeting would be the fourth Tuesday in January. The student representative raised questions about graduate student travel and the role of GSC in Student Government on campus. Dean Atlas assured the student and Council that an agreement on student travel had been reached and the Graduate School was attempting to identify those students who should receive support retroactively.

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m