

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
February 24, 2004
Pending Approval

Meeting convened at 3:03 p.m. – Dean Atlas presiding.

Members present: Carlton Hornung, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Bruce Kemelgor, Ann Larson, Henry Luka, Dismas Masolo, Phyllis Metcalf-Turner, Peter Meyer, Seow-Chin Ong, Rammohan Ragade, Joseph Steffen, James Wittliff, and William Wead.

Ex Officio: Michael Cuyjet.

Members Absent: John Firriolo, Susan Griffin, Vicki Hines-Martin, Jim Jumblatt, Waldemar Karwowski, Carolyn Klinge, Suzanne Meeks, Ron Sahoo, and Grant Taylor.

Guest: Janet Woodruff-Borden.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the January 27, 2004 meeting of Graduate Council.
MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the January meeting with the clarification that under discussion of University Fellowships for 2004 in Other Business, the last sentence be clarified to indicate that the deadline for nominations is February 16th for all nominations, except those from the Speed School of Engineering and IPIBS. Moved by Carlton Hornung; seconded by Joe Steffen.
PASSED as amended.
2. Report of the Curriculum Committee
 - Revision of the M.A. Requirements for Clinical Psychology Ph.D. Students
Professor Kemelgor presented the proposed changes in the program and Professor Woodruff-Borden was available to answer questions. The change is to reduce the number of required courses in the statistics sequence to increase student flexibility in scheduling courses. The change does not affect the number of “core courses” required for the degree.
MOTION: To approve the change in the M.A. requirements for Clinical Psychology Ph.D. students.
PASSED.
 - Revision of the M.A. Requirements in Spanish
This revision follows that approved last month for the French M.A.. The change is to require a new course and allow a broader choice of two rather than three specified electives. This change will also facilitate the development of the program for combined B.A./M.A. students.
MOTION: To approve the revision of the M.A. requirements in Spanish.
PASSED.

- Policy on Deadlines for Submission of Curricular Material
This issue was discussed at the January meeting of Graduate Council and the Curriculum Committee of the Graduate Council has made the following recommendation:
In order to ensure that curricular material, particularly Course Inventory Files (CIF's), are processed through the Graduate School, Provost's Office and Registrar's Office, the Curriculum Committee of the Graduate Council proposes the following deadlines:

May 15 for Fall Semester implementation
September 15 for Spring Semester implementation
March 15 for Summer Semester implementation

Course Inventory Files received by these deadlines will be assured of Graduate School processing in time for the appropriate implementation date. Processing by other offices is not assured.

Other curricular material, like program changes and new degree proposals, may be submitted at any time.

MOTION: To approve and make effective immediately.

PASSED with one No vote and two Abstentions.

3. Report of the Membership Committee.

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

- David E. Clouthier, Ph.D., *Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Craniofacial Biology*, School of Dentistry.
- Shiping Hua, Ph.D., *Department of Political Science*, College of Arts and Sciences.

MOTION: To approve Senior Graduate Faculty nominations.

PASSED.

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

- Scott Massey, M.F.A., *Fine Arts Department*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Gabrielle L. Mayer, M.F.A., *Fine Arts Department*, College of Arts and Sciences.

MOTION: To approve the nominations to Member of the Graduate Faculty.

PASSED.

4. Continued Discussion of GRE Use in Admissions Evaluation.
The discussion of uses and abuses of GRE scores was continued from the previous meeting. Dean Atlas asked if the Graduate Council wished to recommend no longer requiring GRE scores for admission to Graduate School. Discussion centered on the limitations of the GRE as an isolated predictor of success in graduate school. However, when used in conjunction with other indices (e.g., GPA, Subject test, etc.) the predictability value increases. Concern was also expressed for the costs to students of taking the exams and the reduction in Subject tests in many areas. It was noted that GRE scores were used by the Scholarship Committee of the Graduate Council in awarding Fellowships and could be required for other forms of financial aid. It was determined that the Graduate School will query all programs as to their continued interest in requiring the GRE scores.
5. Other Business.
 - Honorary Degrees. Dean Atlas presented the background for the Honorary Degree to be conferred on Dr. Condoleezza Rice. The announcement of the Honorary Degree has created some discussion on campus. The Graduate Council was informed by Dean Atlas that the Honorary Degree was awarded by the Honorary Degree Committee and Graduate Council in August of 2002. However, conferring the degree required Dr. Rice's presence on campus. It was noted that a number of honorary degrees have been awarded but not conferred. Graduate Council requested, for the sake of clarity and history's view of this honorary degree, that the Honorary Degree Certificate to be awarded to Dr. Rice reflect the date of the award not the receipt of the degree. Dean Atlas agreed to make this request on behalf of the Graduate Council.

Dean Atlas excused himself from the meeting to attend to other business and Associate Dean Stremel assumed the chair.

- Decanal Review. Professor Kemelgor, Council's representative to the Review Committee was asked about process and progress of the review. Concern was expressed that the Review Committee was reviewing the Graduate School and Programs rather than the function of Dean Atlas as Graduate Dean over the past five years. Dr. Kemelgor reassured the Council that the process was concerned with Dean Atlas' stewardship and not a broader review. Professor Kemelgor indicated that all unit deans were being interviewed and given questionnaires. He distributed questionnaires to Graduate Council for their submission to the Review Committee.
- GSC President Henry Luka announced that Graduate Student Day was scheduled for March 25 and 26 and that more information would be forthcoming.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m