

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
March 23, 2004
Pending Approval

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

Members present: Susan Griffin, Carlton Hornung, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Waldemar Karwowski, Bruce Kemelgor, Ann Larson, Phyllis Metcalf-Turner, Seow-Chin Ong, Rammohan Ragade, Ron Sahoo, Grant Taylor, and William Wead.

Ex officio: Richard Stremel, Michael Cuyjet.

Members Absent: Vicki Hines-Martin, Jim Jumblatt, Carolyn Klinge, Henry Luka, Dismas Masolo, Suzanne Meeks, Peter Meyer, Joseph Steffen, and James Wittliff.

Guests:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the February 24, 2004, meeting. MOTION: To approve the minutes of the February meeting. Moved by Bruce Kemelgor; seconded by Ann Larson.

PASSED.

2. Report of the Curriculum Committee

- Revision of the M.S. Degree Requirements in Physiology & Biophysics
Professor Kemelgor presented a proposal to allow for several different options for completion of the degree. These different options were approved by the unit, but never sanctioned by the Graduate Council. Professor William Wead spoke to the motion on behalf of the department. MOTION to approve the revision of the M.S. Degree Requirements in Physiology & Biophysics. Moved & seconded?

PASSED.

- Addendum to the Kent School of Social Work Specialization
Students who already have a MSSW degree and are pursuing Kentucky licensure in school social work would receive a “certificate of completion” from Kent; then the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) would recommend them for school social work certification. Discussion focused on the use of the word “certificate.” One suggestion was to refer to this as an “extension” as is used in other areas of certification by CEHD. MOTION to Table: Moved by Susan Griffin; seconded by Waldemar Karwowski.

PASSED.

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**:

- Paula J. Bates, Ph.D., University of London, Assistant Professor of Medicine in Hematology and Oncology
- Andrew C. Kemp, Ph.D., University of Georgia, Assistant Professor, Teaching and Learning
- Thomas G. Reio, Jr., Ph.D., Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Assistant Professor of Leadership, Foundations and Human Resource Education
- Gamini U. Sumanasekera, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Physics

MOTION: To approve Senior Graduate Faculty nominations.
PASSED.

The following individual was reviewed by the Membership Committee and is recommended as a member of the **Graduate Faculty**:

- Suresh C. Tyagi, Ph.D., University of Aligrah (India), Associate Professor of Physiology & Biophysics

After Professor Wead telephoned the department chair, Dr. Joshua, to clarify that the intent had been to nominate Dr. Tyagi to the Senior Graduate Faculty, a substitute MOTION was made by Waldemar Karwowski and seconded by Rammohan Ragade, but later withdrawn to allow the Membership Committee to make a new motion. .

MOTION: To approve the Senior Graduate Faculty Nomination. Moved by Ann Larson on behalf of the Membership Committee.
PASSED.

4. Discussion of Academic Apparel

Dean Atlas presented the fact that several PH.D. candidates in the Kent School will have specially designed gowns and hoods at the May commencement. Professor Huber discussed her efforts to design and produce these gowns and hoods. Dr. Huber was commended for her efforts, but the concern was raised about other units deciding to use their own robes and hoods.

It was decided to appoint a committee to review this matter and make recommendations.
MOTION: To appoint a committee to make a proposal regarding an optional UofL gown that would apply to all doctoral students. The committee, which would include representation from directors of doctoral programs and doctoral students, would advise Dean Atlas, who would then make recommendation to the Provost or President. Moved by Susan Griffin; seconded by Phyllis Metcalf-Turner.
PASSED.

5. Discussion of GRE Requirements for Admission.

Associate Dean Stremel indicated that of 13 responses to an inquiry about the use of GRE scores, 12 respondents indicated that they would still use the GRE scores in admissions decisions, if the University no longer required them. There was consensus that there is no interest among the Council members at this time to eliminate requiring GRE scores for admission.

6. Approval of Applicants for Graduation in May 2004

A list of candidates for degree completion was circulated. Several duplications were noted and corrected. MOTION: To approve the graduation of those listed, pending certification of completion of degree requirements. Moved by Carlton Hornung; seconded by Susan Griffin.

PASSED.

7. Announcements

Dean Atlas announced the scheduling of Graduate Student Days, sponsored by the Graduate Student Council and partly funded by the Graduate School, on Thursday, March 25, and Friday, March 26, 2004.

Meeting was adjournment at 4:06 p.m. Moved by Phyllis Metcalf-Turner; seconded by Susan Griffin.