

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
January 25, 2005

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

Members present: Namok Choi, David Clouthier, Evelyne Gozal, Susan Griffin, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Kathleen Klueber, Ann Larson, Seow-Chin Ong, George Pack, Ron Sahoo, S. Srinivasan, Rammohan Ragade, Joseph Steffen, Nancy Theriot, and James Wittliff.

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

Members Absent: Vicki Hines-Martin, Carlton Hornung, Waldemar Karwowski, Carolyn Klinge, Elangovan Krishnan, and Dismas Masolo.

Guests: Dean Terry Singer, Wendy Pfeffer, Linda Shapiro, and Carolyn Rude Parkins.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the December 14, 2004 meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the December meeting as submitted. Moved by Ruth Huber; seconded by Rammohan Ragade.

PASSED.

2. Report of the Curriculum Committee

- Modifications to School of Music Degree Requirements.

In the absence of a representative from Music, Associate Dean Stremel attempted to review the proposed changes. The changes include a requirement for all composition majors to present public performances of their works. This was traditionally done but the faculty wished to make this a requirement. Instituting this requirement precipitated the addition of a Composition seminar as a co-requisite to advanced Composition courses. Other minor adjustments in the program were also clarified.

APPROVED.

- Proposed Dual Degree with M.S.S.W. and M.A. in Women's and Gender Studies. This dual degree between units comes with the endorsement of both Deans. Dean Terry Singer and Nancy Theriot were present to address any questions. It was noted that this dual degree requires a total of 72 credit hours for both degrees, while each separately requires 96 credit hours. This economy is gained by sharing elective courses between the two programs.

APPROVED.

- Proposed Changes in the Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Certificate. Nancy Theriot presented the changes to the Certificate which include the requirement that applicants have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and submit a letter of intent describing how the Certificate will further their goals. This brings the Certificate in-line with the M.A. admission requirements.

APPROVED.

- Modifications to the Degree Requirements for the M.Ed. in Instructional Technology.  
Carolyn Rude Parkins was present to address questions concerning the proposal. The Masters program is being revised to incorporate the ISTE Standards for Initial Endorsement and Advanced Programs. Independent Study is added to allow for IT Computer Certifications. The program remains a minimum of 30 credit hours.  
APPROVED.

Dean Atlas requested unanimous consent to deviate from the published Agenda so that item 4 could be considered before item 3. No objection.

4. Review of Low Productivity Program Suspension Report.  
The Office of the Executive Vice President and University Provost sent notification to the Graduate School that the M.A. program in French would be suspended due to low productivity. The productivity review is conducted by CPE every five years and requires an average of 5 Master's graduates per year. The last time this review occurred, the M.A. program in French had low productivity, but was permitted to reorganize. This reorganization, according to the Chair of Classical & Modern Languages, has taken 2 years. Professor Wendy Pfeffer provided information about the current program status, which is currently admitting students and projects a graduation of seven students this May. While the review process has been ongoing for more than six months, the Chair of the program in question has only recently learned of this suspension. It was also noted that suspension would have an effect Teacher Education Certification in French.  
MOTION: George Pack moved and James Wittliff seconded a "sense of Graduate Council" Resolution. "It is the sense of Graduate Council that in light of projected graduation rates, current enrollments, and effects on teacher education programs that the University question the CPE recommendations on the suspension of the M.A. in French." This resolution is to be forwarded to the Provost and the Dean of A&S.  
PASSED.

3. Report of the Membership Committee  
The following individual was reviewed by the Membership Committee and is recommended as **Senior Member of the Graduate Faculty**:
  - George M. Pantalos, Ph.D., *Department of Surgery, Division of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*, School of Medicine.

MOTION: From the Committee to approve the recommendation of the nomination to Senior Member of the Graduate Faculty.  
PASSED.

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

- Gerold A Willing, Ph.D., *Department of Chemical Engineering*, Speed School of Engineering.

MOTION: From the Committee to approve the recommendation of the nomination to **Member of the Graduate Faculty**.  
PASSED.

5 SROP Screening Committee.

Professor Pam Feldhoff, Director of UG Research Programs, has requested participation of Graduate Council in the screening of applicants for the Summer Research Opportunity Program. This is a program developed by Graduate Council to recruit undergraduates to UofL graduate programs. Professors Joe Steffen, George Pack, Ann Larson, and David Clouthier agreed to serve as Council representatives.

6. Other Business.

Associate Dean Stremel reminded everyone that the Nominations Committee needed to populate the new Decanal Advisory Committee. A reminder has been sent to the Chair of the Nominations Committee.

Council Member Srinivasan has approached the Dean with a request that Graduate Council begin monthly discussions on the application and enforcement of policies and guidelines within the Graduate School. This discussion will begin at the March Council meeting.

Dean Atlas announced that Provost Willihnganz has instituted a review of the Graduate School in terms of its structure and function. She is being advised by several unit Deans that the Graduate School is unnecessary and redundant with what units already do. She has agreed to bring in outside consultants from the Council of Graduate Schools; these consultants will likely meet with some or all of Graduate Council during their visit. This review will occur soon because of budget considerations in the 2005-06 Budget.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m