

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
November 22, 2005

Meeting convened at 3:02 p.m. – Dean Atlas presiding.

Members present: Annette Allen, Timothy Brauch, Namok Choi, Evelyne Gozal, Susan Griffin, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Carolyn Klinge, Kathleen Klueber, Ann Larson, Seow-Chin Ong, Rammohan Ragade, Ron Sahoo, Joseph Steffen, and Nancy Theriot.

Ex officio: Richard Stremel.

Members Absent: Mahesh Gupta, Vicki Hines-Martin, Carlton Hornung, Waldemar Karwowski, George Pack, and James Wittliff.

Guests: E.V.P. and Provost Shirley Willihnganz.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the October 25, 2005 meeting.  
MOTION: To approve the minutes of the September meeting with the amendment that Professor Theriot was present. Moved by Carolyn Klinge; seconded by Ruth Huber.  
PASSED.
2. Election of School of Dentistry Replacement Representative.  
Motion: To approve by acclamation the nomination, by the School of Dentistry, of Dr. David Scott to complete the term of Dr. David Clouthier. The motion was made by Carolyn Klinge and seconded by Joseph Steffen.  
PASSED.
3. Discussion with the Provost.  
The Provost reviewed the history of the restructuring idea and the conflicts that have precipitated the need for change. She emphasized that the Graduate School needs to be an important part of the institution, but different than it presently functions. She emphasized the role in being an advocate for graduate education that would provide leadership on graduate issues. The School would be a coordinating body that would develop programs in mentor training. Dean Atlas provided Council members copies of a restructuring plan that is being discussed with the unit deans. The plan has significant implications for Graduate Faculty status and curriculum in graduate programs. Council discussed the plan and its implications with the Provost. Graduate Council will continue the discussion at its next meeting.
4. Report of the Membership Committee.  
MOTION: To remove from the TABLE the recommendation from last meeting. Motion made by Carolyn Klinge and seconded by Susan Griffin.  
PASSED.

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

- Yong Li, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, *Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology*, School of Medicine.
- Thomas B. Knudsen, Ph.D., Professor of Molecular, Cellular, and Craniofacial Biology and Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, *Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Craniofacial Biology*, School of Dentistry.

MOTION: From the Committee to approve for Senior Member of the Graduate Faculty.

PASSED.

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

- Jon-Lark Kim, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Mathematics, *Department of Mathematics*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Gregory P. Byrne, D.M.A., Associate Professor of Music, Associate Director of Bands, School of Music.
- Krista B. Wallace-Boaz, D.M., Assistant Professor of Music, School of Music.

MOTION: From the Committee to approve for Member of the Graduate Faculty.

PASSED.

MOTION: To move Professors Byrne and Wallace-Boaz to Senior Member of the Graduate Faculty. Motion made by Seow-Chin Ong and seconded by Nancy Theriot.

FAILED with one abstention.

##### 5. Dean's Report.

Dean Atlas reported that the Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) started by the Graduate Council nearly ten years ago is terminated in its present form. The President and Provost have withdrawn financial support to recreate the program as one intended only for UofL undergraduates. Thus it will no longer function as a recruiting tool of the Graduate School.

Dean Atlas reminded the Council members of the Honors Reception planned for December 14<sup>th</sup> and that the Graduate School would be hooding 47 doctoral students at the Winter 2005 Commencement.

Dr. Atlas relayed information on the recent recruiting activities of the Graduate School, including a trip to China with the deans from A&S and Speed School. He also attended the minority student science meeting in Atlanta. Graduate School staff recruited at Kentucky State University and the Southern Regional Education Board meeting for minority scholars.

6. Other Business.

Dean Atlas informed the Council that a group of graduate students had been invited to attend the next Council meeting to report on a Leadership Conference that they attended in St. Louis.

Meeting adjourned 4:56 p.m.