

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
December 20, 2005

Meeting convened at 3:04 p.m. – Dean Atlas presiding.

Members present: Annette Allen, Timothy Brauch, Namok Choi, Susan Griffin, Carlton Hornung, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Waldemar Karwowski, Carolyn Klinge, Ann Larson, George Pack, Rammohan Ragade, David Scott, Joseph Steffen, and Nancy Theriot.

Ex officio: Richard Stremel.

Members Absent: Evelyn Gozal, Mahesh Gupta, Vicki Hines-Martin, Kathleen Klueber, Seow-Chin Ong, Ron Sahoo, and James Wittliff.

Guests: Graduate Student Corey Reynolds.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the November 22, 2005 meeting.
MOTION: To approve the minutes of the November meeting. Moved by Joseph Steffen; seconded by Susan Griffin.
PASSED.

2. Report of the Membership Committee.
The following individuals were reviewed by the Membership Committee and recommended as **Senior Member of the Graduate Faculty**:
 - Steven Paul Jones, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, *Departments of Medicine (Cardiology) and Physiology & Biophysics*, School of Medicine.
 - Estello C. Majozo, Ph.D., Professor of English, *Department of English*, College of Arts and Sciences.
 - Karen E. Spierling, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Early Modern European History, *Department of History*, College of Arts and Sciences.

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**:
- Leonard Bright, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Urban & Public Affairs, College of Business and Public Administration.
 - A. Glenn Crothers, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History, *Department of History*, College of Arts and Sciences.
 - Ray K. Haynes, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Education, *Department of Leadership, Foundations, & Human Resource Education*, College of Education and Human Development.
 - Alica Miller, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Mathematics, *Department of Mathematics*, College of Arts and Sciences.

- Andrew S. Rabin, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English, *Department of English*, College of Arts and Sciences.

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

3. Discussion of Woodrow Wilson Graduate Leadership Conference.
Dean Atlas relayed to Council his impressions of his recent attendance at a conference of the 18 institutions participating in the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Initiative on Re-Inventing the Ph.D. Three students and one to two deans from each school participated in the St. Louis conference. Tim Brauch (President of GSC) and Corey Reynolds were two of the UofL graduate student participants and were invited by Dean Atlas to talk about their experiences. Dean Atlas announced that UK and UofL will jointly host the next conference of the group. Among the many issues addressed at the conference were: problems with Ph.D. production; diversity issues; faculty ill-prepared to mentor students toward non-faculty careers; and student role in governance (which is better developed at UofL than at many institutions). Dean Atlas reported that the Graduate Deans of the Big East Conference are discussing holding a similar conference in the future.
4. Discussion of Graduate School Restructure.
Dean Atlas led the discussion and pointed out that it was his decision to get the Graduate School out of its oversight functions because others responded as if it was a policing action. It was pointed out that if graduate faculty status and curriculum revert to the sole control of the units, the concept of “One University” would be lost. It was pointed out that Graduate Council is an outstanding example of what “One University” really is and how it works. It was argued that mentoring should be a departmental function, however, the problem is that not all departments treat it as such. The question was raised as to why this re-structuring was being pursued at this time. Was it being driven by budget or need to avoid conflict? It was pointed out that the Graduate School has had its budget cut \$500K in the past two years. Council took the position that Graduate Faculty should be approved by Graduate Council (the status quo), transferring this approval to the units would be a mistake. Council also discussed the justification for teaching versus mentoring, the oversight of student progress, and the process for dismissal and admission. Dean Atlas promised to relay Council’s concerns to the Provost.
5. Other Business.
None.

Meeting adjourned 4:57 p.m.