

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
September 27, 2005

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

Members present: Timothy Brauch, Namok Choi, Susan Griffin, Vicki Hines-Martin, Larry Hunt, Waldemar Karwowski, Carolyn Klinge, Kathleen Klueber, Ann Larson, Seow-Chin Ong, Rammohan Ragade, Ron Sahoo, Nancy Theriot, and James Wittliff.

Ex officio: Richard Stremel.

Members Absent: Annette Allen, David Clouthier, Evelyne Gozal, Mahesh Gupta, Carlton Hornung, Ruth Huber, George Pack, and Joseph Steffen.

Guests: None

Associate Dean Stremel extended the apologies of Dean Atlas for his absence from the meeting. Dean Atlas was scheduled to attend, but due to a travel mishap was delayed in his return from Europe.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the August 23, 2005 meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the June meeting. Moved by Carolyn Klinge; seconded by Ron Sahoo.

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**:

- Grzegorz Rempala, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Mathematics, *Department of Mathematics*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Seana Golder, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Social Work, Kent School of Social Work.
- Richard N. Baumgartner, Ph.D., Professor of Epidemiology & Clinical Investigation, *Department of Epidemiology & Clinical Investigation*, School of Public Health and Information Sciences.
- Kathy B. Baumgartner, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Epidemiology & Clinical Investigation, *Department of Epidemiology & Clinical Investigation*, School of Public Health and Information Sciences.
- Eugenia Wang, Ph.D., Gheens Endowed Chair in Aging, Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, *Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology*, School of Medicine.

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

PASSED.

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

- Shamus P. McNamara, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering, *Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering*, Speed School of Engineering.
- Cara H. Cashon, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychological & Brain Sciences, *Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Tamer Inanc, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering, *Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering*, Speed School of Engineering.

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

3. Report of the Nominations Committee.

Ann Larson, Chair of the Nominations Committee, reviewed the latest recommendations from the Committee. Waldemar Karwowski has agreed to serve on the Scholarship and awards Committee for another 3-year term and William Biles has agreed to serve on the Curriculum Committee for another 3-year term. These nominations come from the Committee.

MOTION: To approve these nominations by acclamation.  
PASSED.

4. Discussion of Graduate Council Activities for 2005-06.

Associate Dean Stremel continued the discussion from last month's meeting. As Council discussed issues related to Graduate Faculty status and program and Bylaws review, many questions returned to the CGS Consultant Report. The following motion was offered and seconded:

MOTION: To be sent to Provost Willihnganz. Graduate Council respectfully requests that the Provost share with Graduate Council the CGS Consultant Report on the Graduate School and that the Provost provide Graduate Council with a timeline for addressing the Report.

PASSED, Unanimously.

Graduate Council then focused upon its role in the review or analysis of the Consultant Report. The following motion was offered and seconded:

MOTION: To be sent to Provost Willihnganz. Graduate Council extends an invitation to the Provost to attend the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of Graduate Council to discuss the Consultant's Report and other Graduate School issues.

PASSED, Unanimously.

As discussion focused upon possible reorganization of the Graduate School and other potential administrative changes, the following motion was offered and seconded:

MOTION: To be sent to Provost Willihnganz. In deference to collegial governance, Graduate Council, as the representatives of Graduate Faculty throughout the University, respectfully requests that before any administrative reorganization of the Graduate School occurs, Graduate Council be consulted. PASSED, Unanimously.

5. Other Business.

Associate Dean Stremel informed Council of new changes in the TOEFL exam. It will now be an internet-based exam that will replace both the computer and paper-based exams and as well as the Test of Spoken English exam. TOEFL exams will be administered in all three forms (depending upon world-wide location) during a transition period. Unfortunately, the scores of the three forms are not scaled the same. Dr. Stremel indicated that he would send this new information to all Council members, Chairs, and Program Directors.

Susan Griffin reported that there is a new Director of ESL at UofL, Ann Griner.

Meeting adjourned 4:08 p.m.