

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
October 24, 2006

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

Members present: Timothy Brauch, Susan Griffin, Carlton Hornung, Ann Larson, George Pack, Karen Robinson, David Scott, Joseph Steffen, and Nancy Theriot.

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

Members Absent: Annette Allen, Namok Choi, Evelyne Gozal, Mahesh Gupta, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Waldemar Karwowski, Carolyn Klinge, Kathleen Klueber, Seow-Chin Ong, Rammohan Ragade, Ron Sahoo, and James Wittliff.

Guests: Pete Walton (SPHIS) and David Dubofsky (COB).

1. Approval of the Minutes from the September 26, 2006 meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the meeting with the correction of the misspelling of Daniel Weeks first name.

MOTION: To approve the amended Minutes by Susan Griffin; seconded by Ann Larson.

PASSED.

2. Report of the Curriculum Committee.

- Proposal for an Epidemiology Concentration in the Ph.D. in Public Health Sciences.

Professor Pete Walton, the Associate Dean of the School of Public Health and Information Sciences was present to provide an overview of the proposal and answer questions. The proposed Concentration provides the third of three doctoral concentrations which will meet the required standards for accreditation. All the courses for the Concentration in Epidemiology have been approved by the unit and the Curriculum Committee.

MOTION: the motion to approve the Epidemiology Concentration in the Ph.D. in Public Health Sciences comes from the Committee.

PASSED.

- Proposed Revisions to the Curriculum for the M.S. in Biostatistics: Decision Science.

The is a modest revision of the degree program that eliminates the non-thesis option, replaces a 500 level epidemiology course with a 600 level course, and changes the sequence of courses in the curriculum. Dr. Walton presented the changes to Council.

MOTION: the motion to approve the revision of the curriculum for the M.S. in Biostatistics: Decision Sciences comes from the Committee.  
PASSED.

- Proposed Revisions to the Curriculum for the M.S. in Epidemiology. Dr. Walton presented the proposed, extensive changes. These changes represent an evolution in the program and refocus the program as preparing students to pursue the Ph.D. in Public Health Sciences concentration in Epidemiology. The total number of credit hours is increased from 30 to 36.

MOTION: the motion to approve the revision of the curriculum for the M.S. in Epidemiology comes from the Committee.  
PASSED.

3. Report of the Membership Committee.

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

- David A. Dubofsky, Ph.D., Professor of Finance, *Department of Finance*, Associate Dean for Research and Director of MBA Faculty, College of Business.
- Brian J. Leung, M.F.A., Assistant Professor of English, *Department of English*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Sergio B. Mendes, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Physics, *Department of Physics*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Thomas R. Tretter, Ed.D., Assistant Professor of Science Education, *Department of Teaching & Learning*, College of Education and Human Development.
- Jun Yan, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, *Department of Medicine*, Associate in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology, School of Medicine. Mathematics, *Department of Mathematics*, College of Arts and Sciences.

MOTION: To approve the nominations comes from Committee.  
PASSED.

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

- Susan Jarosi, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Fine Arts, *Department of Fine Arts*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Lisa Kemmerer, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Teaching & Learning, *Department of Teaching & Learning*, College of Education and Human Development.

MOTION: To approve the nominations comes from Committee.  
PASSED.

4. Election to fill Council Vacancy from the School of Medicine and College of Business.

Dr. Steven Myers, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology in the School of Medicine was nominated by Interim Dean Pfeifer to complete the term of Dr. Kathleen Klueber as a representative to Graduate Council.

Dr. David Dubofsky, Co-Director of the Entrepreneurship Program in the College of Business was nominated by Dean Moyer to complete the term of Dr. Mahesh Gupta as the representative to Graduate Council.

MOTION: To elect Drs. Myers and Dubofsky as members of Graduate Council.  
Moved by Susan Griffin and seconded by Joe Steffen.  
PASSED

5. Discussion of Graduate School Reorganization.

Dean Atlas reported that there is no new information about the Reorganization. He did indicate that the Provost continues to listen to input from multiple sources and that it is likely the requirement that Graduate Faculty engage in mentoring their students on a year-round basis will be struck from the document. As a solution, several members of Council suggested that faculty receive x-pay for mentoring graduate students during time they are not under contract with the University.

Restructuring of Graduate Council was identified as an issue that the current Council could preemptively address. Susan Griffin suggested that the Graduate Dean appoint a committee to deal with such issues rather than Graduate Council as a whole. The majority of Council expressed the view that they did not wish to act on any reorganization issues until the Provost has issued her final report.

6. Other Business

Dean Atlas reported that the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Proposal was in process of review by the committees of the Faculty Senate. The proposal will be reviewed in November.

Meeting adjourned 3:48 p.m.