

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
November 28, 2006

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

Members present: Timothy Brauch, David Dubofsky, Susan Griffin, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Carolyn Klinge, Ann Larson, Seow-Chin Ong, George Pack, Rammohan Ragade, Karen Robinson, Joseph Steffen, and James Wittliff.

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

Members Absent: Annette Allen, Namok Choi, Evelyne Gozal, Carlton Hornung, Waldemar Karwowski, Steven Myers, Ron Sahoo, David Scott, and Nancy Theriot.

Guests: John Naber (SSE).

1. Approval of the Minutes from the October 24, 2006 meeting.
MOTION: To approve the minutes of the meeting with the correction of the absence of Vicki Hines-Martin, she had been replaced as a member of Council.
Motion made by George Pack and seconded by Joe Steffen.
PASSED.
2. Report of the Curriculum Committee.
 - Proposal for Revision of the M.S. in Electrical Engineering.
Professor John Naber, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, provided an overview of the proposal and answered questions. The proposal aligns the M.S. with the M.Eng. in EE. The revision is to provide the same four pathways to completion for both programs. The four pathways for the M.Eng. are: 1) Thesis, 2) Technical Paper, 3) Independent Project, and 4) an Advanced Level course and Oral Presentation. The Revision would provide the same pathways for the M.S. The Revision has been approved by the unit and the Curriculum Committee.
MOTION: the motion to approve the Revision of the M.S. in Electrical Engineering comes from the Committee.
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**:

- Jeffrey C. Valentine, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Educational & Counseling Psychology, *Department of Educational & Counseling Psychology*, College of Education and Human Development.

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

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

- Erika T. Lin, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English, *Department of English*, College of Arts and Sciences.
- Natalie R. Kosine, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Educational & Counseling Psychology, *Department of Educational & Counseling Psychology*, College of Education and Human Development.
- Kathleen M. Rudasill, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Educational & Counseling Psychology, *Department of Educational & Counseling Psychology*, College of Education and Human Development.
- Michael F. Steger, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Educational & Counseling Psychology, *Department of Educational & Counseling Psychology*, College of Education and Human Development.
- James W. Snyder, Ph.D., Professor of Pathology and Associate in Microbiology & Immunology, *Department of Pathology*, School of Medicine.

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

4. Approval of December Commencement Degree Candidates.

MOTION: The Graduate Council approves, on behalf of the Graduate Faculty, the December Commencement list of graduate degree candidates and additional candidates who complete all requirements for the degree prior to December 12, 2006. Moved by Susan Griffin and seconded by Ruth Huber.

PASSED

5. Other Business.

Dean Atlas presented the list of students receiving Winter Commencement Honors. He also presented an up-date on the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Proposal; and the changes requested by the Faculty Senate's Planning and Budget Committee.

He announced that, in conjunction with the Women4Women organization, the Graduate School (with the assistance of the Provost's Office) will host the Women's Basketball game on December 18th. Arrangements are being made for Graduate Council and guests to attend the game and recognize the efforts of three women associated with the Graduate School.

A question was asked about the status of the Graduate School reorganization and Dean Atlas indicated that there was no new news. A question was asked about the timeline for implementation of changes, but Council could not agree that they should be concerned about the timeline.

Dean Atlas indicated that the provost and the Council of Deans have been discussing the development of Professional Science Master's. It is likely Council will hear more about PSM's.

Meeting adjourned 3:49 p.m.