

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
December 19, 2006

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

Members present: Timothy Brauch, Namok Choi, David Dubofsky, Carlton Hornung, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Carolyn Klinge, George Pack, Karen Robinson, Joseph Steffen, and James Wittliff.

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

Members Absent: Annette Allen, Evelyne Gozal, Susan Griffin, Waldemar Karwowski, Ann Larson, Steven Myers, Seow-Chin Ong, Rammohan Ragade, Ron Sahoo, David Scott, and Nancy Theriot.

Guests: Daniel Mahony (Associate Provost), Pete Walton (SPHIS), Wood E. Currens (SOD).

1. Approval of the Minutes from the November 28, 2006 meeting.  
MOTION: To approve the minutes of the meeting with the correction of the absence of Jim Wittliff. Motion made by Joe Steffen and seconded by Carolyn Klinge.  
PASSED.
2. Report of the Curriculum Committee.
  - Proposal for Addition of a Concentration in Environmental Health for the Ph.D. in Public Health Sciences.  
Pete Walton, Associate Dean of SPHIS, provided the background of the proposal and answered questions. The proposal is for 49 credit hours beyond the master's and is an additional Concentration to two others in the Ph.D. program. The Concentration is designed to provide tools for research in environmental health, industrial hygiene, and toxicology. Joe Steffen raised the question of a core curriculum for Concentrations in the degree program in Public Health Sciences. However, no core is required by CPE. The proposal has been approved by the unit and the Curriculum Committee.  
MOTION: the motion to approve the Concentration in Environmental Health for the Ph.D. in Public Health Sciences 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**:

- Susan G. Lasky, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Educational Administration, *Department of Leadership, Foundations, and Human Resource Education*, College of Education and Human Development.

MOTION: The motion to approve the nomination comes from Committee.  
PASSED.

4. Other Business.

Dean Atlas announced the competition for University Fellowships was beginning with a February 2 deadline for the first round. He emphasized the kinds of credentials required (GRE scores at the 60<sup>th</sup> %, 3.25 GPA, and strong letters of recommendation) and the timing of submission of applications (a little earlier in 2007 so that they could be used for earlier recruiting). He emphasized the impact of University Fellowships on recruitment and diversity of graduate students. Dean Atlas also announced that the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program was to be presented to the Faculty Senate on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned 3:57 p.m.