

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
March 21, 2006

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

Members present: Annette Allen, Timothy Brauch, Evelyne Gozal, Susan Griffin, Mahesh Gupta, Vicki Hines-Martin, Carlton Hornung, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Ann Larson, Seow-Chin Ong, George Pack, Rammohan Ragade, David Scott, Joseph Steffen, Nancy Theriot and James Wittliff.

Ex officio: Richard Stremel.

Members Absent: Namok Choi, Waldemar Karwowski, Carolyn Klinge, Kathleen Klueber, and Ron Sahoo.

Guests: Gina Schack (CEHD), Pete Walton (SPHIS), William Pierce (SOM).

1. Approval of the Minutes from the February 28, 2006 meeting.
MOTION: To approve the minutes of the February meeting, with the correction that Seow-Chin Ong did attend the meeting. Moved by Joe Steffen; seconded by Susan Griffin.
PASSED.
2. Report of the Membership Committee.
The following individual was reviewed by the Membership Committee and is recommended as **Senior Member of the Graduate Faculty**:
 - Robert M. Carini, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sociology, *Department of Sociology*, College of Arts and Sciences.PASSED.

The following individual was reviewed by the Membership Committee and is recommended as **Member of the Graduate Faculty**:
 - Melissa L. Ricketts, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Justice Administration, *Department of Justice Administration*, College of Arts and Sciences.PASSED.
3. Approval of the May Commencement Degree Candidates.
The Graduate Council approves, on behalf of the Graduate Faculty, the list of candidates for graduate degrees at the May Commencement, and any other candidates subsequently added, provided they complete all requirements for the degree before April 14th.
MOTION: The motion was made by Susan Griffin and seconded by Joe Steffen.
PASSED

4. Discussion of Future Vision of the Graduate School.

To help the Council focus on the core issues within the “positioning” document from the Provost, Dean Atlas provided Council a two page summary. The summary identified seven issues and the pertinent questions for Council behind each issue. The issues were: Scope of the Graduate School; Graduate Faculty; Graduate Admissions and Recruitment; Graduate Curricula and Programs; Graduate Student Development; Graduate Student Advocacy; and Graduate School Administration. Before considering the document further, the Dean and Associate Dean were asked to leave the room so that Council could confidentially decide if they should remain for the discussion. Joe Steffen noted for the Minutes that Council voted to permit the presence of the Dean and Associate Dean during the discussion. Susan Griffin agreed to Chair the Committee of the Whole during its discussion.

The Council considered the question of scope of the Graduate School first. Discussion of the advantages/disadvantages of a unit being in the Graduate School ensued. Dean Atlas indicated that programs removed from the Graduate School would not be eligible for: Graduate School financial support in the form of Fellowships and Diversity Awards, Admissions administered by the Graduate School, and the Graduate School Student Academic Grievance process.

MOTION: Any post-baccalaureate degree or certificate program, which is not a Ph.D./M.A./M.S. degree and is currently independently accredited by an appropriate professional body, should be allowed to petition the Provost, through the Dean of the respective School/College, to be separated from the Graduate School.

PASSED (15-2).

Council then took up the question of Graduate Faculty.

The meeting was suspended to reconvene the following Tuesday (March 28, 2006) at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 4:50 p.m.