

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING  
August 22, 2006

Meeting convened at 3:04 p.m. – Associate Dean Richard Stremel presiding.

Members present: Annette Allen, Timothy Brauch, Evelyne Gozal, Susan Griffin, Carlton Hornung, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Carolyn Klinge, Ann Larson, George Pack, Rammohan Ragade, Joseph Steffen, Nancy Theriot, and James Wittliff.

Ex officio: Ronald Atlas and Richard Stremel.

Members Absent: Namok Choi, Mahesh Gupta, Vicki Hines-Martin, Waldemar Karwowski, Kathleen Klueber, Seow-Chin Ong, Ron Sahoo, and David Scott.

Guests: Linda Shapiro (Provost's Office), David Simpson (Urban Planning), and Tammi Thompson (SPHIS).

1. Approval of the Minutes from the June 27, 2006 meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the meeting. Moved by Carolyn Klinge; seconded by Larry Hunt.

PASSED.

2. Report of the Curriculum Committee.

- Proposed Joint Degree Program in Law and Urban Planning (J.D./M.U.P.).

Professor David Simpson, the M.U.P. Program Director was present to present the proposal and answer questions. The joint program reduces the aggregate credit hour requirements by 21 hours by allowing urban planning courses to be used to satisfy Brandeis School of Law electives and vice versa. In addition, students in the joint program will be required to take a cross-listed course between law and urban planning. Students will have to be admitted to both degree programs to be considered for the joint program.

MOTION: To approve the Joint J.D./M.U.P. Degree Program comes from the Committee.

PASSED.

- Proposed Curriculum Changes in the Ph.D. in Social Work.

Professor Ruth Huber, a Member of Council and Program Director for the Social Work Doctorate, presented the changes and responded to queries from Council. The changes are designed to consolidate and re-sequence the research and statistics courses in the curriculum. The proposed changes also add new courses in Advanced Qualitative Research and Advanced Measurement. The total number of required credit hours is increased from 50 to 56.

MOTION: To approve the Curriculum Changes in the Ph.D. in Social Work comes from the Committee.

PASSED.

- Proposed Reinstatement of the Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Studies. Associate Dean Stremel presented the Reinstatement of the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. During the Provost's Program Review this year, the Committee recommended the expansion of the Interdisciplinary Master's degree to permit more students to pursue Interdisciplinary Studies and to broaden the scope of the degree to include cutting-edge opportunities. At the same time the Graduate School was asked to develop an Interdisciplinary Ph.D. This required only the reinstatement of a program that was suspended by UofL in 1979. The Graduate School and Provost's Office have gained CPE permission for the reinstatement. The degree takes two forms, one initiated by a student and the other developed by faculty to create a more permanent track within the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program. Both approaches must engage at least three faculty members from two different departments or programs. The faculty must have the consent of their chair to participate in the degree program so that faculty work load agreements reflect the engagement and so that students are provided adequate supervision. Other issues such as financial support and Council's approval role were discussed. Council considered the proposal too complex for them to support without more study, so despite approval by the Curriculum Committee, Council voted to Table the proposal.  
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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**:

- Jennifer M. Bay-Williams, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Education, *Department of Teaching & Learning*, College of Education and Human Development.
- Hong Ye, Ph.D., Assistant Professor Medicine, *Department of Medicine*, School of Medicine.
- Jamie L. Studts, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, *Department of Medicine*, School of Medicine.
- Richard E. Goldstein, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Surgery & Pharmacology & Toxicology, *Department of Surgery*, School of Medicine.
- Melissa S. Baucus, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Management, *Department of Management*, College of Business.
- Wayne S. Zundel, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Radiation Biology, *Department of Radiation Oncology*, School of Medicine.

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**:

- Peter J. Alter, Jr., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Education, *Department of Teaching and Learning*, College of Education and Human Development.
- Zi-Jian Lan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Molecular, Cellular and Craniofacial Biology, *Department of Molecular, Cellular and Craniofacial Biology*, School of Dentistry.
- Wendy C. Yoder, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Classical & Modern Languages, *Department of Classical & Modern Languages*, College of Arts and Sciences.

MOTION: To approve these nominations comes from Committee.

PASSED.

4. Other Business

Associate Dean Stremel reported the Fall Enrollment data from the Registrar reflecting a 2.1% or 88 graduate student increase in enrollment over last year.

Meeting adjourned 4:02 p.m.