

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
November 27, 2007
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Meeting convened at 3:03 p.m. – Dean Ronald Atlas presiding.

Members present: David Dubofsky, Susan Griffin, Carlton Hornung, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Carolyn Klinge, Seow-Chin Ong, Karen Robinson, David Scott, Joseph Steffen, Nancy Theriot, and James Wittliff.

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

Members Absent: Annette Allen, Timothy Brauch, Evelyne Gozal, Ann Larson, Steven Myers, George Pack, Rammohan Ragade, and Ron Sahoo.

Guests: Dan Mahony (Provost's Office), Bill Pierce (Provost's Office), Krista Wallace-Boaz (Music), Michael Tracy (Music), Naomi Oliphant (Music), Thomas Simmons (CEHD), Debra Bauder (CEHD), and Wendy Pfeffer (Dean's Office, A&S).

1. Approval of the Minutes from the August 28, 2007 meeting.
MOTION: To approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion made by Joe Steffen and seconded by Carolyn Klinge.
PASSED.
2. Report of the Curriculum Committee.
 - Proposal for a New Concentration in Jazz Composition and Arranging under the M.M. in Music Performance Degree.
Professors Oliphant, Wallace-Boaz, and Tracy were present to present the new Concentration in Jazz. The new track in jazz composition/arranging will be a unique offering in the region. Students can currently focus on jazz composition/arranging in the second year of the Jazz Performance track. This new track will permit two years of concentrated study in jazz composition/arranging.
MOTION: To approve the new Concentration in Jazz Composition/Arranging in the M.M. degree in Music Performance.
PASSED.
3. Report of the Vice Provost for Diversity and Equal Opportunity.
Cancelled.
4. Report of the Membership Committee.
Dean Atlas presented a request from the College of Education and Human Development to change the Graduate Faculty status of a faculty member in the Department of Teaching and Learning from Senior Member to Member so that the faculty member could no longer mentor doctoral students. Graduate School Bylaws (Section 2.3.4.) state that such a request must be submitted to the

Graduate Council for action. The Membership Committee met to consider the request and asked for a current C.V. of the faculty member and reasons for the request. The recommendation of the membership Committee to Graduate Council is to agree with the request of the Chair and Dean and change the Graduate Faculty status to Member of the Graduate Faculty (Ad Hoc). Dr. Steffen, representing the Committee, argued that this is an important issue concerning the welfare of graduate students in the program. Some members of Council argued that Section 2.3.4. of the Bylaws requires that Graduate Faculty status can only be reviewed in association with a Periodic Career Review and therefore this action was inconsistent with the Bylaws. After much discussion and debate, a motion to Table the action was made by Nancy Theriot and seconded by Carlton Hornung. The Motion to Table was PASSED by Graduate Council.

5. 2008 Graduate Council Meeting Dates
Postponed to next Month.
6. Report of the Honorary Degree Committee.
The Committee recommends the award of an Honorary Degree in Humane Letters to an individual identified by the President's Office. This person is from an Arab country and is interested in promoting world peace and in building a cultural crossroads in his country. The individual would likely develop ties to the Muhammad Ali Center and thus UofL. There is also a strong interest in the horse industry and Churchill Downs. Some members of Council questioned the link to higher education in the nomination.
MOTION: To approve an Honorary Degree in Humane Letters for the nominated individual.
FAILED (4 yes, 5 no).
7. Approval of Degree Candidates.
MOTION: The Graduate Council approves, on behalf of the Graduate Faculty, the December Graduation list of graduate degree candidates and additional candidates who complete all degree requirements for the degree prior to December 11, 2007.
PASSED.
8. Report on Graduate School Transition.
Dr. Pierce presented a brief history of the transition and the current status. He indicated that one overriding concern of the Transition Team was that they do no harm to graduate students. The Provost is to meet with the entire Team with a week to finalize recommendations.
9. Other Business.
Dean Atlas reminded everyone that the Graduate School Honors Reception and Ceremony was December 12 and that December 13 is Commencement. A Hooding Ceremony for Doctoral Students will be held at 5:00 PM prior to the Commencement Ceremony.

The Graduate Council unanimously requested that the Graduate Dean craft a resolution in support of Dr. George Pack and his recent loss.

Meeting adjourned 4:38 p.m.