

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

Members present: Annette Allen, Timothy Brauch, Namok Choi, David Dubofsky, Susan Griffin, Carlton Hornung, Ruth Huber, Larry Hunt, Carolyn Klinge, Ann Larson, Steven Myers, Seow-Chin Ong, George Pack, Karen Robinson, Joseph Steffen and James Wittliff.

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

Members Absent: Evelyne Gozal, Waldemar Karwowski, Rammohan Ragade, Ron Sahoo, David Scott, and Nancy Theriot.

Guests: Dan Mahony (Provost's Office) and Joseph Petrosko (CEHD).

1. Approval of the Minutes from the February 27, 2007 meeting.
MOTION: To approve the minutes of the meeting. Motion made by George Pack and seconded by Carolyn Klinge.
PASSED.

2. Report of the Curriculum Committee.
 - Proposal for Re-Instatement of the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Organizational Development.
Professor Joe Petrosko attended the meeting to present the proposal. The re-instatement of the Ed.D. will create a professional, practitioner-oriented doctoral degree. This degree is needed as UofL is participating in the Carnegie Initiative on the Professional Practice Doctorate. This re-instatement is the first of many steps in the development of this professional degree. The curriculum for the degree is similar to that for the Ph.D., with one major difference. The Ed.D. degree will not end with a dissertation, but rather with a Capstone Course that will require a project related to the professional needs and experiences of the students. Council raised many questions about the re-instatement including the need for such a degree. A survey was conducted concerning need and found several hundred educators across the state interested in a professional doctorate. The need is also reflected in the push by regional universities to develop such degrees. Dr. Petrosko indicated that 50-60 % of students currently applying to the ELOD program would choose the Ed.D. path. Council expressed concern about the limited differences in course offerings between the two ELOD degree programs.
MOTION: To approve the re-instatement of the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Organizational Development, comes from Committee.
PASSED. 8 Yes, 7 No, 1 Abstention.

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**:

- Irene Litvan, M.D., Professor of Neurology and Anatomical Sciences & Neurobiology, *Department of Neurology*, School of Medicine.

MOTION: To approve the nomination for Senior Member of the Graduate Faculty comes from Committee.

PASSED.

4. Bylaws Revision – Formation of a Graduate Council Committee on Interdisciplinary Studies.
Assistant Dean Paul DeMarco provided Council with a draft of the needed Bylaws section, which original described a Committee of four. Council amended the draft to a Committee of three. The section reads as follows:

Section 2.5.6 Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Review Committee

A. Functions

- (1) Receive and review proposals for the Individual Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program.
- (2) Recommend to the Dean of the Graduate School approval, denial or revision of proposals.

B. Structure

- (1) The Committee shall be composed of three members of the Graduate Council representing three different units with doctoral programs.
- (2) Members shall be nominated by the Nominations Committee and elected by majority of Graduate Council.
- (3) Members will serve two year staggered terms.
- (4) The Assistant Dean of Interdisciplinary Studies shall serve as Chair of the Committee.

MOTION: To approve the amended Bylaws Revision. Motion made by Susan Griffin and seconded by Larry Hunt.

PASSED.

5. Other Business.
Dean Atlas announced that the Provost has asked to meet jointly with the Graduate Council and the Graduate Student Council on Monday April 9, 2007 at (the date was later changed to Wednesday April 11th) to discuss the reorganization of the Graduate School.

Meeting adjourned 4:15 p.m.