

## MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

August 24, 2010

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**Convene** – Meeting Convened at 3:00 PM – Dr. Beth Boehm, Interim Dean presiding.

**Ex-Officio present:** Dr. Paul DeMarco, Associate Dean SIGS

**Members Present:** Deborah Armstrong, Ray Austin, Haribabu Bodduluri, Sherri Brown, Jean Christensen, Barbara Clark, Eileen Estes, Travis Gault, Ruth Huber, Mary Hums, Debra Journet, Mehmed Kantardzic, Karen Kopelson, John Naber, David Scott, Joseph Steffen, Gennaro Vito, Kristin Wilson, Judy Wulff, and Pam Yankeelov.

**Members Absent:** James Fiet, Jafar Hadizadeh, Susan Olson Allen, and Luke Milligan.

### 1. Welcome

Dr. Beth Boehm, Interim Dean SIGS opened the meeting at 3:00 PM of the Graduate Council and welcomed everyone. She asked for quick introductions from everyone, since there were some new members on the council.

### 2. ACTION: Consideration of minutes of March 23, 2010

Dr. Boehm asked for approval of the March 23, 2010 meeting minutes. MOTION by Ruth Huber; Second by Joe Steffen. APPROVED.

### 3. Discussion Item: Preferences for committee service

Dr. DeMarco handed out a preference list to members for committee assignments and will send out the results via email to the four units that have vacancies on the council. Beth recapped the committee descriptions.

### 4. Information Items:

- a. Introduction of new members of the graduate council – there are two new and four replacement members
- b. New Graduate Student Orientation (Aug 12)
- c. GTA Academy –
- d. DGS Meetings –Orientation Thursday, Sept 16
- e. Search for new staff to oversee student professional development/retention – Kate McAnulty left the graduate school August 20. She and her fiance' took jobs at Kent State. Kate will be the new director of the retention program. The new person to replace her must have at least a Master's degree.
- f. New SIGS website – Shane Welch, our IT person, did a presentation on the new features/sections and made it more user friendly. There is a student spotlight feature. Travis Gault (Graduate Student council president and Council member) is featured this month. Shane is working on a nomination form for this section.
- g. Reminder about SIGS Scholarships –Beth handed out a list of awards

- h. Report on SIGS scholarships awarded – Dr. DeMarco reported on SIGs awards. Two new interdisciplinary tracts (Bioinformatics and Dept of Medicine?) Both want to recruit students.
  - i. Proposed interdisciplinary programs –bioinformatics and translational neuro
  - j. Release of NRC rankings (embargoed) of graduate programs due Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Boehm reported that this is only for UofL, not for the public. Data is at least seven years old. She thinks we might need to revisit.
  - k. Doctoral Hooding Ceremony – Wed Dec 15, 2010. 4 o'clock in the Multipurpose Room in the Student Activities Center.
5. GSC Report – Travis Gault reported that the main goals are to overhaul the graduate symposium to draw in more people and recruiting efforts.
6. **Old Business** –
- a. Beth reminded members about parental leave policy.  
Beth remarked on changes to student healthcare. Haribabu Bodduluri expressed a lot of concern in School of Medicine (re: maternity leave)  
Note: A&S and Nursing implemented a family leave and medical leave.
  - b. Beth recapped the note from CIGNA. Philip Bressoud (student health) will forward his name to \_\_\_\_\_. Plans to meet next year re: Student Health.
7. **New Business** – none
8. **Adjournment** – Beth called for MOTION to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Jan Link, Recording Secretary*

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