

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
(Special Meeting)

December 10, 2013 - APPROVED
105 Houchens

Convene – The meeting convened at 3:00 PM – Dr. Beth Boehm, dean of SIGS, presided.

Ex-Officio present: Paul DeMarco, Associate Dean SIGS

Members Present:, Allen Ashman, Ray Austin, Barbara Clark, Cynthia Corbitt, Doug Darling, David Dubofsky, Gail Depuy, James Grubola, Charles Hubscher, Lori Norton-Meier, Bridgette Pregliasco, Eric Rouchka, Bibhuti Sar, Sandra Smith, Jasie Stokes, Krista Wallace-Boaz, and Pam Yankeeelov.

Members Absent: Susan Olson Allen, Haribabu Bodduluri, Theresa Hayden, Mary Hums, George Higgins, Luke Milligan, Natalie Stipanovic, and Janet Woodruff-Borden.

Guests: Rachel Croley (Graduate Student Council vice president), Margaret Pentecost (CEHD, Education Advising)

1. **Convene** – Dr. Beth Boehm opened the meeting at 3:05 PM. in Room 105 Houchens. Since there were several new council members, she asked for introduction around the table.
2. **Approval of minutes of October 22, 2013**
Dr. Boehm asked for approval of the council meeting on October 22, 2013. Jan Link mentioned that Allen Ashman's name was misspelled (Asheman). MOTION to approve with corrections by Sandra Smith; seconded by Doug Darling. APPROVED.
3. **Approval of Degree Candidate for Fall 2013**
Drs. DeMarco and Boehm asked for approval of one degree candidate for Fall, Mindy McIntosh-Shetter. It was unanimously APPROVED.
4. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a) **Revisions of the Minimum Guidelines for Graduate Education in the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) – Dr. Doug Darling**
Dr. DeMarco turned this item over to Dr. Darling to present on behalf of the Academic Affairs committee with a MOTION to approve and a second. Dr. Margaret Pentecost reviewed some of the changes mentioning the PRAXIS test as an alternate to the GRE for the MAT in Education. There was call for a vote; it was unanimously APPROVED. Dr. Pentecost will forward the guidelines to the SIGS deans.
 - b) **Proposal for Doctoral Program in Interdisciplinary Studies with a Specialization in Translational Neuroscience – Dr. Darling**
Dr. Darling presented this proposal that would include SIGS sponsoring two students per year of their didactic classwork, after which they will be supported by the Principal Investigator of the laboratory in which they do their research. The focus of the program is to integrate basic science and clinical research with both a basic scientist and a clinician as mentors. The proposal comes from the Academic Affairs Committee with a MOTION and a 2nd to approve. Dr. Scott Whittemore, who initiated the program, was unable to attend. The proposal was unanimously APPROVED.

c) Policy Annual Evaluation of Progress Toward Degree for Doctoral Students

SIGS is in charge to monitor Directors of Graduate Studies with these evaluations. SIGS will send out the forms/examples to council. This comes from the Academic Affairs Committee with a MOTION and 2nd to approve. APPROVED.

d) Policy Embargo of Electronic Theses and Dissertations

Dr. Darling presented this policy, which stated that a student may request an embargo on theses or dissertations. Allen Ashman (Libraries) said the Libraries would suggest and would like to see a few changes to this policy:

1. Time category. He wanted to drop the 6-month and 2 year option;
2. That the wording “maybe be requested...” be revised or removed from the last sentence.

After much discussion with council members, it was decided after a vote of 8 yes; 8 nays, 3 abstentions that this be tabled and a request put in from Libraries. Dr. DeMarco also suggested that we might seek advice from University Counsel on this.

5. Report from Graduate Student Council (GSC)– Jasie Stokes/Rachel Croley

Jasie, GSC President, reported on a couple of items:

- Graduate Student Council is opening up a Research Fund for a \$300 award. The application will be on the web December 15 until March 1. Students will also be asked to present posters at the Research Symposium.
- Research Symposium – Saturday, April 15, 2014. Application will be up the first of the year, until March 1.

Rachel Croley, Graduate Student Council vice president reported on the Advocacy event in Frankfort. They have rented the tunnel and will invite students to make and present posters January 9th and 10th to hang in the tunnel. Posters can be turned in to the GSC Office in 105 Houchens to either Jasie or Rachel, and there will be a location on Health Sciences Campus for students to drop off posters.

- 6. Old Business** – Dr. Boehm reported that Dr. Lenny Cassuto, author and professor from Fordham University was a recent visitor to UofL campus to do a PLAN workshop and Mock Interviews. One hundred people attended the mock interviews; 90 were at his talk. She said that Dr. Cassuto was very impressed with UofL and the conversations across disciplines. He will be writing an article that features UofL in the Chronicle.
- 7. New Business** – Dr. Christian Gamm, our Assistant Director for Graduate Admissions will be leaving to take a new job as Director of Grad Programs at Northern Kentucky University. Friday, December 13 will be her last day here at UofL. We wish her all the best!
- 8. Adjournment** – 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted 12/12/13 (draft)
Jan Link, Recording Secretary

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Approved Graduate Council Meeting 6/24/14