

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

October 27, 2015--draft
105 Houchens

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

Ex-Officio absent: Paul DeMarco, Associate Dean SIGS

Members Present: Bradley Carpenter, Brian Ceresa, Becky Christian, Barbara Clark, Doug Darling, Aly Farag, Jim Fiet, James Grubola, George Higgins, Charles Hubscher, Tasha Laman, Seow-Chin Ong, James Femmy Rose, Bibhuti Sar, Kira Taylor, Janet Woodruff-Borden, and Jacek Zurada.

Members Absent: Mary Hums, Anastasia Keller, Jelani Kerr, Samantha McClellan; Eric Rouchka, Mark Running, Shelley Salamensky, JoAnne Sweeny, and Andrew Zhao.

Guests: Gina Bertocci and Rob Keynton, both from Speed School-Bioengineering Department.

1. **Convene** – Dr. Beth Boehm opened the meeting at 3:00 PM. in Room 105 Houchens. *Dr. Boehm handed out a revised “Changes/Additions to the Graduate Catalog” sheet regarding Academic Probation and also Transfer Credit wording. Wording has been revised (per changes discussed in August 2015 meeting) and will be included in the graduate catalog.*
2. **Approval of minutes of August 25, 2015**
Dr. Boehm asked for approval of the council meeting on August 25, 2015. MOTION to approve by Doug Darling; (was not seconded)???? APPROVED.
3. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - **Proposal for Doctoral Program in Interdisciplinary Studies: Specializing in Translational Bioengineering – Drs. Gina Bertocci and Rob Keynton**

Dr. Boehm introduced Drs. Bertocci and Keynton, representatives from the Department of Bioengineering. All the council members had been sent the proposal earlier to review. There was much discussion about the proposal. A question was asked if a participating department would get credit in this interdisciplinary program. It was confirmed that SIGS would get credit and the department that the student is in would also get credit (where the mentor is). Dr. Aly Farag stated that he is very supportive and very fond of Bioengineering and the PhD program, however had questions (a. is it your goal eventually to have a PhD at the departmental level; and b) will this proposed program differ from what is going on now--status quo-- and how will it help your eventual goal of having an PhD in Bioengineering? Dr. Bertocci explained the options in-depth. It's a very unique program and very different than anything we currently have in Speed School. First track is what we have going on right now; Second and third option, the translational option does not exist in any way, shape or form in any of our departments.

Discussion about the “translational” bioengineering in the title (Aly Farag) and where the focus is. Femmy Rose referred to Page 6 of the proposal. It was suggested to include translational in the student learning outcomes section. Need possible clarification or point of elaboration to emphasize

entrepreneurship? Aly suggested that the department reps take the friendly amendments raised by the council into consideration.

MOTION by Doug Darling to accept the proposal; seconded by Jim Fiet.

- **Nomination for Honorary Degree(s) – Dr. Barbara Clark**

Dr. Boehm asked Dr. Clark to review nominations. Dr. Clark recapped the nominations and recommendation letters for Doris and Ulysses (Junior) Bridgeman for a Doctor in Public Service honorary degree. He and his wife have both been very active and philanthropic in the community. The nomination comes with a MOTION and 2nd from the Honorary Degree Committee (to the Board of Trustees). MOTION by Jacek Zurada to postpone the decision until the end of the meeting (so council members could personally review the documents). After all the committee had an opportunity to review the documents, the proposal was APPROVED. Two abstentions.

- **Vote to staff Graduate Council Committees – Dr. Beth Boehm**

Dr. Boehm shared a handout of the newly elected faculty to the four standing committees of the council:

- a. Academic Affairs Committee
- b. Grad Student Professional Development and Welfare Committee
- c. Honorary Degrees Committee
- d. Scholarship and Awards Committee

Approved with one change: Andrew Zhao switches places with Jim Grubola; Dr. Zhao will be on the Academic Affairs Committee and Dr. Grubola will be on Honorary Degrees Committee. MOTION to approve by Charles Hubscher; 2nd by James Femmy Rose. APPROVED.

- **Call for volunteer to serve on Review Committee for Centers and Institutes – Dr. Beth Boehm**

Dr. Boehm asked for a volunteer to serve on this committee. It is a two-year assignment. Dr. George Higgins volunteered.

4. **Discussion Items – updates from Fall meeting with Directors of Graduate Studies – Dr. Beth Boehm** referred to the graduate website regarding SARA (?) State Authorization Regulations. She will send a link to the site. Possible triggers that might cause problems with state regulations include:
 - a. An Out of state faculty reader on a thesis/dissertation committee
 - b. Recruiting at a state conference
5. **Report from Graduate Student Council (GSC) – James Femmy Rose, President**
 - April 1 & 2 – Regional conference, the focus will be on Professional Development; keynote speakers will be invited;
 - Up to eight grants to be funded next year
 - Wiki network to be set up for peer review
 - New “cluster” meetings for grad student council; have had great success in breaking meetings up into smaller groups. Organized with several departments for more student involvement.
 - Possibly going to Frankfort in February 2016 for legislation/advocacy.
6. **Old Business** – might add more grad student council reps for CEHD since they have so many students
7. **New Business** – Dr. Fiet asked for help with Qualtrics (for survey work). College of Business is paying for service, but other departments/individuals might be piggybacking account. Dr. Boehm suggested he talk to Bob Goldstein in Institutional Research.

8. **Adjournment** – 4:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted 10/28/15 (draft)

Jan Link, Recording Secretary

Corrected 2/25/16 JL

Approved Graduate Council Meeting 2/23/16