

MEETING OF THE 2007-2008 GRADUATE COUNCIL

Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Thursday, May 8, 2008--8:00 a.m.
Kaskaskia/Missouri Room—Student Center

AGENDA

Announcement of Proxies—Associate Dean Wilson

1. Consideration of the minutes of the May 1, 2008, Graduate Council meeting.
2. Remarks—President Poshard
3. Remarks—Interim Chancellor Goldman
4. Remarks—Interim Provost Rice
5. Announcements—Vice Chancellor Koropchak, Associate Vice Chancellor Rice, and Associate Deans Wilson & Mead
6. Faculty Senate—Professor Stockdale
7. Announcements—Professor Tragoudas
8. Nominations to Committees—Professor Colwell
9. GPSC Report—Shelly McGrath
10. Report of Programs Committee—Professor Hofling

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS

RATIONALE: This interdisciplinary program for a Master of Science in Mathematics and Science Education is designed to offer advanced training in mathematics and science education for elementary and middle school teachers. It is designed specifically for in-service teachers seeking to improve their subject knowledge and pedagogical and leadership skills in mathematics and science education. This is a non-thesis program. This program will be fully funded for the first three years by the Illinois Mathematics and Science Partnership (IMSP) Grant and additional IMSP and NSF funding is expected beyond the three year period. If the program is not able to be self-supporting, it will be discontinued. The new courses required for this program have been approved at the departmental level. This program is consistent with the mission of SIUC and is supported by the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services, the Dean of Library Affairs and the Dean of the College of Science.

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the establishment of a new Master of Science in Mathematics and Science Education jointly housed in the College of Education and Human Services and the College of Science.

RATIONALE: The purpose of a new concentration in Collaborative Piano for piano majors in the Master of Music degree program in the School of Music of the College of Liberal Arts is to train more qualified accompanists, who are in great demand. It is expected that this concentration would attract new students and would not require significant new resources. All required courses are already offered.

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the establishment of a new concentration in Collaborative Piano for the Master of Music degree in the School of Music of the College of Liberal Arts.

11. Report of Research Committee—Professor Renzaglia

RATIONALE: Researchers at SIUC who conduct stem cell research must be provided with institutional guidelines and a sound policy to ensure high ethical standards are met. Through input from stem cell researchers at SIUC, a policy was adopted and adapted from a similar policy at the University of Connecticut with permission from the Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School.

The Policy on Stem Cell Research was unanimously approved by an Interim Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight (ESCRO) Committee in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for Research and the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research on June 12, 2007.

The ESCRO committee ultimately will be responsible for all stem cell research oversight for SIUC and SIU School of Medicine. The SIUC Policy on Stem Cell Research establishes standards that are in line with existing policies and oversight committees. This policy will ensure that research is well-justified and well-conceived, thereby protecting the reputation of SIUC and facilitating collaborations among researchers across institutions.

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the recommendation of the Research Committee of the Graduate Council that the SIUC Policy on Stem Cell Research be approved.

RATIONALE: Whereas, lab animal users and the Laboratory Animal Program (LAP, Vivarium) agree that a 50% target for cost-sharing LAP operating costs is fair and reasonable, and

Whereas, in fiscal year 07 users provided approximately 43% of the LAP operating costs, and

Whereas, operation of the LAP is subject to increasing costs due to inflation and other factors, and

Whereas, the scheduled increases in animal care costs place unexpected burdens on researchers.

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the recommendation of the Research Committee of the Graduate Council that annual increases in animal care per diems be commensurate with inflationary levels and the 50% cost-share target as estimated by the most recent operational cost data provided to users.

RATIONALE: Whereas, there are seven central Research Support Facilities at SIUC, namely the Central Research Shop, DNA Sequencing Facility, Genomics & Robotics Services, IMAGE, Laboratory Animal Program, Mass Spectrometry Facility and NMR Facility, and

Whereas, these units are designed to meet the ever changing needs of researchers, and

Whereas, a regular assessment of resources and support staff at each facility is necessary to evaluate if researcher are adequately served, and

Whereas, the last formal review of the research facilities was conducted in 1999.

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the recommendation of the Research Committee of the Graduate Council that the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research oversees reviews of the Research Support Facilities on the same evaluation cycle as all programs on campus. These reviews will be internal unless concerns warrant subsequent external review.

12. Report of Program Review Committee—Professor Anderson
13. Report of Ed. Policies Committee—Professor Manfredi
14. Old Business:
15. New Business: