

## MEETING OF THE 2008-2009 GRADUATE COUNCIL

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Thursday, November 6, 2008--8:30 a.m.

Kaskaskia/Missouri Room—Student Center

### AGENDA

#### Announcement of Proxies

1. Consideration of the minutes\* of the October 2, 2008.
2. Report from University Communications: University Image and Marketing:
  - a. Mr. Mike Ruiz & Dr. Terry Clark
3. Remarks / Announcements
  - a. University & Graduate School Leadership
  - b. Constituency Leadership
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Graduate Enrollment Committee
    1. Endorsement of 'Graduate Enrollment Plan'\* – Dr. Koropchak
  - b. Executive Committee
    1. Characteristics and Challenges for the next Chancellor – Survey Results\*
    2. Plagiarism Policy Proposals\*
    3. Follow up on Proposed Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedures
  - c. Nominations Committee—Dr. Hellgren
  - d. Research & Ed. Policies Committee—Drs. Manfredi & Renzaglia
    1. Discussion of Signature Programs Proposal\*
  - e. Ed Policies Committee – Dr. Manfredi
    1. Resolution Regarding 'Banner'\*
  - f. New Programs Committee—Dr. Williard
    1. For Approval

#### A Program Name Change:

The Department of Plant, Soil, and Agricultural Systems has requested a change in the name of their M.S. degree in "Plant and Soil Science" to "Plant, Soil, and Agricultural Systems" to better reflect the total spectrum of disciplines offered in their M.S. degree program. There are no costs associated with the name change.

Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the change of the name of the M.S. degree in Plant and Soil Science to Plant, Soil, and Agricultural Systems.

B Program Modification:

The Department of Educational Psychology and Special Education has proposed to modify the existing MSED degree in Counselor Education to include a professional (non-thesis) track MSED in addition to the present thesis track MSED. The professional MSED would require 6 hours of approved course work beyond the core requirements of the student's respective counseling specialty, in lieu of the thesis requirement. All MSED students will have to successfully complete a written comprehensive examination of the core curriculum. The professional MSED option would serve as a recruiting tool for prospective graduate students interested in practitioner positions in schools, community health settings, or private practices. There are no anticipated budgetary effects of this degree modification.

Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the modification of the existing MSED degree in Counselor Education to include a professional track MSED in addition to the present thesis track MSED.

C Program (Certificate) Elimination

The College of Education and Human Services has proposed to eliminate the Certificate in Couple and Family Counseling in the Counselor Education program. The request was made because, to date, no students have applied to the certificate program. There are no anticipated budgetary effects of this certificate elimination. The certificate program utilized existing courses from the Marital, Couple, and Family master's degree program.

Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the elimination of the Certificate in Couple and Family Counseling in the Counselor Education program.

2. For Information:

A New Concentration

The Department of English has proposed a new area of concentration, English Studies, in their M.A. degree program. This concentration would be an addition to their two current areas of concentration in 1.) Literature and 2.) Rhetoric and Composition, which are designed to train students in research and scholarship to prepare for Ph.D. study. The proposed concentration in English Studies would allow the Department of

English to admit and train students who want to gain more disciplinary training in English without pursuing a research focused degree. This concentration would target high school teachers and other professionals who desire more training in English. Faculty volunteered to offer evening, Saturday morning, and off-campus courses to meet the needs of this population of prospective graduate students. The terminal event of the degree program would be an oral examination based on course work. The faculty in the Department of English unanimously approved this proposed addition to their M.A. degree. There are no anticipated budgetary effects of this degree modification. If off-campus courses are offered in the future, they will be offered on a cost recovery basis.

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the modification of the existing M.A. degree in English to include an area of concentration in English Studies.

B. Other Items for Information

g. Program Review Committee—Dr. Mundschenk

5. Other Business

The Next Meeting of the Graduate Council will take place Thursday, December 11, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. in the Kaskaskia/Missouri Room of the Student Center.

\* The full text of items marked with an asterisk is posted on the Graduate Council webpage [<http://www.siu.edu/gradschl/council/>].