

2014-2015 GRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes for final meeting of 2014-2015
May 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Dr. Judith Davie.

Members Present: Craig Anz, Amanda Barnard (GPSC), Randolph Burnside, Norman Carver, Bryan Crow, Judith Davie, Michael Eichholz, Boyd Goodson, Reza Habib, Constantine Hatziaodoniu, Eric Lenz, Jamie McNutt, Grant Miller, , Natalie Nash (GPSC), Cinzia Padovani, Corné Prozesky Silvia Secchi, Cynthia Sims, Kevin Taylor (GPSC), Jeremiah Unkefer (GPSC), Tomas Velasco, Alison Watts

Members Absent: David Conrad, Sarah Curtis (GPSC), Clayton Nielson, Julie Partridge

Proxies: Jim MacLean for Prema Narayan, Eric Lenz for Andrew Pardieck

Ex-Officio Members Present: James Allen, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; Randy Dunn, SIU President/Acting Chancellor; Susan Ford, Acting Provost & Vice Chancellor; James Garvey, Acting Graduate Dean; Wayne Glass, OSPA; Ratna Sinha, Assistant Dean, Graduate School; Keith Wilson, Dean's Council

Guests: Andy Wang, Dean, College of Applied Sciences and Arts; Sam Chung, Director, School of Information Systems and Applied Technology; Scott Collins, Professor, School of Allied Health; Walter Wendler, Director, School of Architecture; Tom Shaw, Associate Professor, Mortuary Science

1. Minutes

The minutes of the April 2, 2015 meeting will be presented at the September 3, 2015 for consideration.

2. Remarks – Provost Ford

Ford reported that enrollment numbers look good and added that prospects are down, due to less marketing outside the border states. Ford stated that SIU is blanketing the border states with cards to high school sophomore and juniors. Ford continued by saying that effective July 1, Meera Komarraju will be the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and effective July 9, Yueh-Ting Lee will be the Dean of the Graduate School. The Registrar and Director of Undergraduate Admissions searches are moving forward and should be filled by the beginning of fall semester. Ford stated that she has identified a source of funds that is not from the state that will allow the position of Associate Provost for Enrollment Management and Retention to be filled.

3. Remarks – Interim Vice Chancellor for Research & Graduate Dean Garvey

Garvey started by reviewing the enrollment data and commented that compared to this time last year, enrollment for MA is down 22 and PhD is up 17. Garvey continued by saying that applications both MA and PhD students are down; international applications down 50%. He pointed out that the number of Graduate students supported by state funds has not changed and is not contributing to the current pattern of enrollment. Garvey concluded by saying that he had the opportunity to spend three days in Washington, DC with President Dunn and Jerry Weinberg, SIUE Graduate Dean. Garvey added that there was positive feedback about SIU.

4. Remarks – Associate Provost for Academic Programs Allen

Allen reported that he had met with Grant Miller and the Committee on Program Review and got some really good feedback; revising the program review process regarding the timing of notifications of the reviewers and how program review should be more like accreditation review. Allen stated that he is in the process of drafting a revision of the checklist of documentation for the self-study and modifying the Program Review Overview document that will be shared with the Graduate Council for input. Allen added that greater oversight of the accreditation review process was also discussed with the Program Review Committee and stated that he is drafting a document that will be shared as well.

5. Remarks – Council Chair Dr. Davie

Davie reported that the task for with the Faculty Senate regarding the reporting lines of the first professional schools has submitted its full report the Board of Trustees. Davie added that the Graduate Council is committed to contributing to the credit hour definition for all students and to the evaluation of programs.

6. Faculty Senate, Professor MacLean

MacLean reported that the Faculty Senate Executive Council discussed the joint effort of the Graduate Council and Senate working on the definition of the credit hour starting in the fall when all faculty will be on campus. MacLean announced that Andrea Imre was elected as the 2015-2016 Faculty Senate President and Gray Whaley as the Vice President.

7. Deans Council – Dean Wilson

Wilson reported that the Deans have twice since the last Graduate Council meeting. The importance of accreditation oversight and the budget were discussed.

8. GPSC Report – Amanda Barnard

Barnard reported on three topics.

1) GPSC elections were held Tuesday April 28. Brandon Woudenberg (Law) was elected president, Willie Lyles III (Law) was elected Vice President for Administrative Affairs and I was re-elected as Vice President of Graduate School Affairs. Natalie Nash (Zoology) was re-elected to Graduate Council and there will be three new GPSC representatives: Johnathan Flowers (Philosophy), John Barnard (History) and Sandy Kim (Political Science).

2) On Wednesday May 6 the GPSC and Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA) Joint Committee on Diversity and Inclusive Policy held a panel discussion on the current state of diversity and inclusion policy at SIUC. Our panelists were: Dr. Randy Dunn; Jennifer Brobst, Assistant Professor, School of Law; Father Joseph Brown from Africana Studies; and committee chairperson Johnathan Flowers. GPSC and BGSA hope to hold more events and discussions next year.

3) GPSC has stopped offering event funding for the remainder of the fiscal year. We are still offering travel funds (\$150 for presenting at a conference, \$75 for attending) to graduate students currently. GPSC does run out of travel funds every summer before the fiscal year ends. Please encourage any of your graduate students to apply for funding on the GPSC website (gpsc.rso.siu.edu) immediately after they return.

9. Nominations to Committees / Announcements – Council Vice Chair Burnside

No Report.

10. Standing Committee Reports

a. New Programs Committee Report – Professor Habib

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in support of the Addition of a Concentration in Industrial and Quality Engineering Concentration to the PhD in Engineering Sciences. R. Habib read the resolution for the second time. No discussion. Resolution passed unanimously by show of hands.

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in support of the Addition of an Agribusiness Economics Concentration to the Online MBA degree in the College of Business. R. Habib read the resolution for the second time. No discussion. Resolution passed unanimously by show of hands.

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in support of the Addition of an MS/MBA and the Elimination of the MA/MBA in the Colleges of Mass Communication and Media Arts &

Business.

R. Habib read the resolution for the second time. No discussion. Resolution passed unanimously by show of hands.

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in Support of the Addition of a Master of Health Administration in the School of Allied Health in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

R. Habib read the resolution for the second time. Correction noted in the fourth "Whereas", take out "share" replace with "shared". Brief discussion followed. Resolution passed unanimously by show of hands.

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in Support of the Addition of a Master of Health Informatics in the School of Allied Health in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

R. Habib read the resolution for the first time. Brief discussion followed. J. McNutt made a motion to suspend the rules to vote on this resolution, seconded by R. Habib. Rules suspended. J. Davie called for a vote. Resolution passed unanimously by a show of hands. R. Habib made a motion to reinstate the rules, seconded by C. Haziadoni. Rules reinstated.

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in Support of a New Unit of Instruction (NUI) for the Addition of an Interdisciplinary PhD in Applied Sciences and Arts.

R. Habib read the resolution for the second time. A 35 minute discussion followed. J. Davie presented the option to withdraw the resolution or take a vote. J. Davie called for a vote by show of hands; 10 in favor, 11 against, 2 abstain. Resolution did not pass.

b. Education Policies Committee Report – Professor Carver

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in Support of Increasing the Graduate Application Fee.

N. Carver read the resolution for the second time. Concern regarding the last "whereas" was raised. Suggestion was made to change the last "whereas" to "a \$10 increase, to the Graduate School, in the application fee will generate approximately \$40,000 per year." J. Davie called for a vote on the resolution with clarification on the last "whereas". Resolution passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in Support of Revising the Graduate Semester Hours Required to be Admitted to a Master's Program Without Meeting the 2.70 Undergraduate GPA Requirement.

N. Carver read the resolution. Brief discussion followed. B. Goodson made a motion to suspend the rules to vote on this resolution, seconded by A. Burnside. Rules suspended. J. Davie called for a vote. Resolution passed unanimously by a show of hands. A. Burnside made a motion to reinstate the rules, seconded by J. McNutt. Rules reinstated.

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution Recommending Standards for High Achieving Non-Resident New Graduate Students.

N. Carver read the resolution. Brief discussion followed with suggestions to amend some of the language. M. Eichholz made a motion to suspend the rules to vote on this resolution, seconded by R. Habib. Rules suspended. J. Davie called for a vote with a friendly amendment as follows; first whereas, take out "in-state tuition" replace with "a scholarship to reduce tuition cost to the level of in-state tuition"; second whereas, take out "participate" replace with "receive this scholarship"; last paragraph, take out "A 75%" replace with "An 80%". Resolution passed unanimously by a show of hands. J. McNutt made a motion to reinstate the rules, seconded by N. Nash. Rules reinstated.

c. Program Review Committee Report – Professor Miller

Miller reported that there have been seven programs reviewed and reiterated that there will be upcoming revisions made for clarification and to better support the departments.

d. Research Committee Report – Professor Eichholz

Report distributed by Eichholz via email on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

12. Old Business

None

13. New Business

None

14. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.