

MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
May 4, 2006

Members and Administrative Officers Present:

Laurie Achenbach, Marcia Anderson, Morgan Chitiyo (for Paul Bates), Brad Colwell, John Dunn (ex-officio), Steven Esling, Ed Ford, Chris Green, Ramesh Gupta, Aslam Kassimali, Maryon King, John Koropchak (ex-officio), Elizabeth Klaver, Shelly McGrath, Bill Muhlach (for Carey Krajewski), Laura Murphy, Donna Post, John Preece, Karen Renzaglia, Pru Rice (Office of VCR), Richard Rivers, Mary Rudasill, Sara Samson, Nathan Stucky, Spyros Tragoudas, William Turley, Alison Watts, Karl Williard, and David Wilson (Graduate School).

Prof. Benshoff called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. in Ballroom A of the Student Center.

1. Introduction of New Members—Associate Dean Wilson

Associate Dean Wilson read the names of the 2006-2007 Graduate Council members: Laurie Achenbach, Marcia Anderson, Paul Bates, Michael Batinski, Brad Colwell, David DiLalla, Steven Esling, Ramesh Gupta, Aslam Kassimali, Maryon King, Elizabeth Klaver, Carey Krajewski, Laura Murphy, Donna Post, John Preece, Jyotika Ramaprasad, Karen Renzaglia, Richard Rivers, Mary Rudasill, David Rush, Nathan Stucky, Spyros Tragoudas, Susan Tulis, William Turley, Alison Watts, and Karl Williard.

The GPSC representatives are: Sara Samson, Chris Green, Shelly McGrath, Will Reilly, and Dan Hechenberger.

At this point, Provost Dunn encouraged faculty to attend Commencement ceremonies that will be held a week from Saturday to acknowledge students on their special day.

VCR Koropchak then commented that in 2000, the Graduate Council approved the establishment of a Ph.D. in Computer Science. That proposal went through all appropriate channels, including IBHE. Moreover, the proposal was reviewed by external reviewers and, for a variety of reasons, the departmental response to the external reviewers was not forthcoming in a typical timeframe. The Department has now, however, prepared a new version of that proposal that does respond to the reviewers. The new proposal was provided to the New Programs Committee and the Committee believed that it did not represent a substantive change to the program, but did, in fact, respond to the comments of the reviewers. At this point, the President's Office is negotiating with the Board of Higher Education to determine whether this new proposal can be submitted as that response for the creation of the program.

Prof. Benshoff then turned over the chair to Vice Chancellor Koropchak to conduct the election of officers for the 2006-2007 Graduate Council.

2. Election of Officers—Chair and Vice Chair—Vice Chancellor Koropchak

Vice Chancellor Koropchak called for nominations for Chair of the 2006-2007 Graduate Council. Prof. Colwell was nominated; his nomination was seconded. Since no further nominations were brought forward, nominations were closed.

A vote was taken on the nomination of Prof. Colwell as Chair of the 2006-2007 Graduate Council which was approved unanimously in a voice vote.

Prof. Colwell then took over as Chair and opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair of the 2006-2007 Graduate Council. Prof. Tragoudas was nominated for the position and his nomination was seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

A vote was taken on the nomination of Prof. Tragoudas as Vice Chair of the 2006-2007 Graduate Council which was approved unanimously in a voice vote.

3. Adoption of Rules

A motion was made and seconded that the Graduate Council formally approve the adoption of *Roberts Rules of Order* for conducting business during 2006-2007. The motion passed.

4. Schedule of Meetings for 2006-2007 Graduate Council

It was moved, seconded, and approved that the Graduate Council meet at 8:00 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month beginning in September and ending in May, with the exception of the month of January.

5. Other Business

None.

There being no further business to bring before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Ballestro
Recording Secretary