

MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

May 5, 2009

Members and Administrative Offices Present:

Thomas Britton; Ronald Browning; Daniel Dyer; Sam Goldman; Ramesh Gupta; Eric Hellgren; Nicholas Hoffman (GPSC); Andrew Hofling; Scott Ishman (Steve Esling); Mark Kittleson; Elizabeth Klaver; John Koropchak; Leslie Lloyd; Pat Manfredi; Scott McClurg; Eileen Meehan; Christian Moe (Emeritus); Manoj Mohanty; Nancy Mundschenk; Elyse Pineau; Karen Renzaglia; Pru Rice; Jacob Rose; Alejandro Strong (GPSC); Karl Willard; David Wilson (Graduate School); Tomasz Wiltowski; Bryan Young; Michael Young; and Bill Stevens (A/P Council).

Members and Administrative Officers Absent:

Donna Post; Don Rice; Peggy Stockdale

Chairman Britton called the meeting to order on May 5, 2009 at 8 a.m. in the Kaskaskia/Missouri Room of the Student Center.

Announcement of Proxies:

Dr. Wilson announced that Steve Esling is attending as proxy for Scott Ishman and Dr. Eileen Meehan will serve as proxy for Dr. Wiltowski who will be attending to a final later in the meeting.

1. Consideration of the Minutes of April 9, 2009.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ron Browning; seconded by Eileen Meehan; motion passed.

2. Remarks/Announcements

a. **University & Graduate School Leadership**

Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean – Dr. Koropchak

VCR Koropchak stated there is still uncertainty in the budget situation for the university, as well as the state. He remains cautiously optimistic on the Governor's budget. A press conference was held to announce the All USA Today Collegiate Academic Team selected by USA Today. SIUC nominated three students and two made the team and the third made honorable mention. The judges graded the applicants on academic standing,

citizenship activities, and an essay noting their most important academic endeavor. The essays of all of our students focused on their undergraduate research experiences.

The University Commitment to Excellence Awards activity was held a few weeks ago. The winners related to graduate education and research were: Dr. Carl Faingold, Professor of Pharmacology and Neurology, outstanding scholar; Dr. John Mead won the A/P Excellence through Commitment award; Dr. Pru Rice won the Women of Distinction award. In addition, outstanding graduate student research awards went to Ali Sepehri, a doctoral student in the College of Engineering and Becky Nastaly a doctoral student in Rehabilitation institute. Graduate Students, Abby Gitlitz and Damion McIntosh, were recognized for their teaching.

Dr. Paul Chugh, Professor of the Department of Mining and Mineral Resources in the College of Engineering, was selected to be a member of the China Task Force on Sustainable Use of Coal and will join scientists and engineers from France, Canada, Denmark and China on that endeavor.

VCR Koropchak thanked everyone for their good work on the Graduate Council this year and added that the Graduate Council remains a thoughtful and effective body.

Chancellor Goldman

Chancellor Goldman told the Council members that the budget situation is not resolved but he is hopeful it will get done in the next couple of weeks. He added that we have a good budget from the Governor and if the legislature gives us the governor's budget we will have an increase of 3.5% -- which includes the 2.5% which was cut last year.

The Board of Trustees will meet this week at which time we hope the board will ratify our tuition recommendation of 4.5%.

Chancellor Goldman reported that he, President Poshard and Chancellor Vandegriff met with the House Appropriations Committee.

Meetings were held with the Deans, Vice Chancellors and others on budget scenarios in the case of budget cuts. Each Dean or Director will deal with their own college or departments on what and how they will make the cuts. Options are being looked at to reach our budget. We are looking at class size – some are very low being only 2 to 3 students. He stated he recognizes that some need to be small especially with research; we have no problem with that.

Construction or renovations are needed to the library, the tech building at the airport, and at Mass Communications. With the inclusion of our nursing program and other new

programs, we are going to need increased and improved lab space and are looking to McLafferty for more space.

Chancellor Goldman announced that self registration is going okay this year. Banner seems to be holding up and we are looking to fix the inefficiencies in that program. Summer enrollment looks like 75-80% of last year. Out of state enrollment is up about 100 students compared to the 10 day enrollment last fall. We are pursuing international students and have a pledge of a number of students coming from Beijing.

In light of the swine flu, he announced that a variety of things are being explored for commencement, such as not shaking hands and having a dispenser in the arena with water and soap for people to wash up. For the time being, travel to Mexico City is being suspended. Chancellor Goldman announced that close to 3000 students will be graduating and asked everyone to attend. We are starting to look at options for next year's graduation since the arena will not be available.

Shawnee Community College is giving funding to Cairo to build up their aviation capability there. Our aviation program has joined with them and on Thursday there will be an open house at the Cairo Airport. One thousand high school student have signed up to be there; some from other states.

Saluki Way is coming along; fundraising is going well. Timing is very good; we have bids in under projection for construction and there may be a federal program on the sale of bonds which will bring our bonds in at a lower rate because of the federal subsidy. We have not made any commitments or decisions on our student services building. We are visiting various campuses to see what student services buildings look like. He announced the Alumni and Foundation are also looking to build their own building.

We are starting the new First Year Experience. Many have been involved in this and it will get started in the fall.

Alejandro Strong asked if Saluki Way comes in under budget, will any of the student fees be reduced. Chancellor Goldman stated that we will look first at the student fees. He stated his view is that when we are well into this and see where we are, that will be the first area he would like to look at. He added, however, there are many unpredictable variables early on in construction.

Associate Vice Chancellor Pru Rice

No comments at this time.

Associate Dean Wilson

Doctoral graduation ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. in Shryock; the master's ceremony will be in the arena on Friday at 10 a.m.

He commended Dale Brown in the Center for Graduate Teaching Excellence for his work with the Chemistry and Mathematics departments. The departments are showing progress at working with students at risk to make them into successful students. New teaching techniques for (Math Lab) Math 108, a class that has caused some real problems for the campus, have produced extraordinary results in terms of success rates for students.

Admission rates are still a little down from last year. Applications are substantially up at the doctoral level but are down at the master's level. There is a drop in applications from India. Admission problems may be related to departments not figuring out Banner and getting information from it. We hope to have Apply Yourself up and running for the fall 2010 application season.

b. Constituency Leadership

Faculty Senate – Chairman Britton stated that Dr. Phil Hawze has replaced Peggy Stockdale as President of the Faculty Senate.

GPSC – Alejandro Strong thanked the Graduate Council for their work with the GPSC this semester.

A/P Staff Council – Bill Stevens had no report.

3. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee –Dr. Britton reported that Dr. Ann Fletcher was selected to serve on the Chancellor Search Committee and Dr. Karen Renzaglia was added as a member at large. The first meeting will be this afternoon. Progress reports on the search will be given to the Graduate Council.
- b. Appointments to Committees – Dr. Hellgren had no new appointments to announce.
- c. Research Committee – Dr. Renzaglia

Dr. Renzaglia circulated a copy of a new resolution regarding open access and an article from a journal regarding the bundling of journals for subscription purposes.

READING OF RESOLUTION

Whereas the faculty of Southern Illinois University Carbondale are committed to the widest possible dissemination of their scholarly research and intellectual output; and

Whereas the current system of scholarly communication is not conducive to that goal, and as is evidenced by the large journal cancellation projects undertaken at Morris Library in 2009 and prior years is dysfunctional and unsustainable; and

Whereas the library and other institutions nationwide have implemented reliable and simple mechanisms for sharing and preserving scholarly works through open access repositories. At SIUC, the existing repository OpenSIUC assures the widest possible disseminating of scholarly research and intellectual output.

Therefore be it resolved that the Graduate Council urges that the Vice Chancellor for Research, and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost to establish a committee to consider and make recommendations on the issues listed below, and that the committee present its findings and recommendations to the Faculty Senate, the Graduate Council, the Provost and the Vice Chancellor for Research no later than December 31, 2009.

- 1) Whether all publications and other scholarly work produced by faculty should be deposited in OpenSIUC;
- 2) Whether faculty (or someone designated by the department) shall submit an electronic version of the work(s) directly to OpenSIUC, and determine that the version submitted shall be in accordance with the Version Guidelines developed for orderly submission, when applicable;
- 3) What exceptions should be allowed to mandatory submission, and how any exceptions should be authorized;
- 4) What effective date should be established for policy implementation;
- 5) The extent to which Operating Papers need to be modified to incorporate a mandatory policy of this nature.

A recommendation was made to correct the title of the Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs (from Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost as stated above). This change will be made.

Discussion:

Dr. Mark Kittleson asked if there are any programs on campus that currently use Open Access that could serve as a model. Carlson said that Political Science and the College of Science have been using it. In addition, UIUC and UIC have an open access policy as does the University of California and Nebraska.

Dr. Wilson stated one of the things he would like to see the Council consider next year is to change submissions of dissertations and theses to electronic submissions which would be easy to submit to OpenSIUC. We are in the process of working with Proquest so that our theses and dissertations will be a part of OpenSIUC without having to go through the Proquest Open Access. Next year he would like the Council to consider mandating that research papers under the Non thesis option be submitted to the Graduate School electronically and also be included in OpenSIUC. Currently, these papers are sent to Special Collections where they are cataloged and filed.

Dean Carlson said the library is exploring initiating a scholarship award for two undergraduate papers and one graduate paper that makes efficient and effective use of the library's resources and part of that reward would be that the paper would be automatically on OpenSIUC.

Dr. Liz Klaver expressed her worry that faculty concerns will not be addressed and asked if there could be an open faculty forum to have conversation with the faculty.

It was proposed that the Faculty Senate also be involved and we will have more widespread discussion about this.

Since this was a committee recommendation, no second was needed. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the resolution as written, with one correction involving correcting the title of Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

- d. Ed Policies Committee – Dr. Manfredi had no report.
- e. New Programs Committee – Dr. Williard

Thanked everyone who worked on resolutions this year. At the last meeting there were 6 resolutions announced that will be voted upon today.

- 1. For Approval – Experimental Psychology

Announced Michael Young was here for questions. There was no questions; resolution passed unanimously.

- 2. For Approval – Criminology and Criminal Justice

Announced Dr. Leonard, Chair of the Department, is here for questions. Here were no questions; resolution passed unanimously.

3. For Approval – Criminology and Criminal Justice Non Thesis Track for M.A. Degree

Announced Dr. Leonard is here for questions. There were no questions; resolution passed unanimously

4. For Approval – Speech Communication

Announced Dr. Stucky was here for questions. There were no questions; resolution passed unanimously.

5. For Approval – Department of Pharmacology change in name of Ph.D. Degree

There were no questions; resolution passed unanimously.

6. For Approval – Department of Computer Science Non Thesis Track for Ph.D.

Announced Dr. Norman Carver was available for questions. There were no questions and motion passed unanimously.

f. Program Review Committee – Dr. Mundschenk

Thanked the members of the committee for their good work. The report will be posted on the Graduate School website. Dr. Mundschenk encouraged members of the Council to read the reports. She reported that the directors were very gracious with their time. While this study took a great deal of work, it was very informative. We found that the Centers at SIUC are really an asset to the research and teaching mission of the university and recruitment and retention of faculty. Dr. Mundschenk reported that she was very enthused by the students who took part in the survey and that it was nice to hear good things from the students. There were some specific recommendations made such as increasing visibility both within and external to the university. In addition, the committee was concerned, as were the directors, that we were doing this at the end of the year and encouraged everyone to look at the report which will be on the OVCR website. The Committee requests that this be listed as an agenda item in the fall when the Graduate Council meets again in the fall.

Chairman Britton thanked Dr. Mundschenk and her committee for their hard work and dedication.

g. Committee on Interim Titles – Mark Kittleson

Prof. Kittleson stated the Committee met with Chancellor Goldman to go through the final resolution and presented a copy to him. Chancellor Goldman was very supportive and

indicated that he wants to take this to heart and utilize it. Dr. Kittleson commended the committee for their excellent job working quickly. He was appreciative of the support from the Graduate Council and the Faculty Senate.

4. **Old Business** – There was no old business to be brought before the Council at this time.

5. **New Business**

Chairman Britton thanked all the Committee Chairs and members who worked very hard this year: Karen Renzaglia, Research Committee; Pat Manfredi, New Programs Committee; Karl Willard, Program Approvals; and Mark Kittleson, Committee on Interim Titles. Chairman Britton stated that he thought good progress was made this year. He announced that his tenure as a Graduate Council member continues through next year and welcomed the new council members stating they will find the experience to be good.

Dr. Eric Hellgren commended Dr. Britton for his work as Chair of the Graduate Council this year.

6. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to bring before the Council, motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Donna L. Reynolds
Recording Secretary