

MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

September 3, 2009

Members and Administrative Officers Present:

Sara Baer (Steve Epps); Thomas Britton (Paul McGreal); Gargi Bhattacharya (GPSC); Ronald Browning (Jody Huggenvik); David Carlson; Judith Davie; Daniel Dyer; Ann Fletcher; Sam Goldman; John Groninger; Eric Hellgren; Nicholas Hoffman; Phil Howze (Faculty Senate); Holly Hurlburt; Scott Ishman; Mark Kittleson; John A. Koropchak; Pat Manfredi (Ken Stickers); Jay Means (Deans Council); Shauna McDonald (GPSC); Christian Moe; Manoj Mohanty; Nancy Mundschenk; Ryan Netzley; Mark Peterson; Elyse Pineau; Don Rice; William Stevens; Alicia Swan (GPSC); Alex Van Saggi (GPSC); Keith Waugh, David Wilson; Tomasz Wiltowski (Kanchan Modali); Bryan Young.

Members and Administrative Officers Absent

Kimberly Kempf-Leonard; Leslie Lloyd; Scott McClurg, and Prudence Rice

Chairman Hellgren called the meeting of the Graduate Council to order on September 3 at 8 a.m. in the Mississippi room in the Student Center.

Announcement of Proxies -- Professor Wilson announced that Paul McGreal will be the proxy for Tom Britton; Steve Ebbs for Sara Baer, Ken Stickers for Pat Manfredi and Kanchan Modali for Tomasz Wiltowski.

1. Consideration of the minutes of the July 7, 2009 Graduate Council meeting.

Motion was made, seconded and passed for approval of the July 7, 2009 minutes.

2. Remarks – Chancellor Goldman

Chancellor Goldman announced that enrollment numbers will not be released until the official 10th day enrollment. Chancellor Goldman gave kudos to John Koropchak, David Wilson and the Graduate School staff for their tremendous efforts in raising graduate enrollment. He also praised the efforts of the Deans, especially the Deans of Agriculture and Science, for their dedication and hard work to increase enrollment. He announced that 14,000 financial aid packages have been sent out and as of last week we are still waiting to hear from 400-500. We have doubled enrollment in the nursing program. We are also partnering with Northern IL University to provide a physical therapy program.

Retention will be helped by programs starting this year such as The First Year Experience and Saluki Cares. We are targeting high schools in St. Louis, Evansville and Memphis for recruiting. We also have an arrangement with Paducah Community College and this month they will be visiting to meet with our faculty to discuss program matches. We have opened a link to Shawnee Community College for our aviation program and will initiate an economic program with them at the Cairo Airport and we will have dual enrollment with Shawnee Community College. We plan to continue to link with other community colleges.

Chancellor Goldman also stated the following:

1. We will be okay for this year.
2. We must engage in anticipatory planning for 2011 because the stimulus money will go away in 2011.
3. We will have a \$4 million shortfall because the state has dropped funding for the veterans program.
4. If we lose MAP (Monetary Award Program) next spring, it will cost us approximately \$8 million dollars a year. SIU has a higher proportion of students than other universities who rely on MAP funding. Unless the legislators act by October, which is the veto session, we will lose that funding.

Chancellor Goldman asked faculty and staff to consider voicing support for Saluki Way adding that we need a spirit that says “Saluki Way is ours and we want to support it.” He added that Saluki Way is more than a new arena and stadium. There are plans for a new student services building. Construction will start in fall 2010.

SIUC has an agreement with the University of Business and Economics (UIBE) in Beijing, China and they have sent us 21 students this year. UIBE would like to partner with us to do recruiting in China. We are also recruiting in India and Taiwan.

3. **Remarks – Provost Rice**

The website for Veterans’ Services has recently been revamped. A coordinator of Veterans’ Services, which is mandated by the State of Illinois, will be hired to coordinate services on campus and help direct this effort.

Corrected misinformation published in the *Daily Egyptian* about hiring the new associate provost for academic administration, stating the position will not be filled until later this year.

4. **Announcements**

Vice Chancellor for Research John Koropchak

VCR Koropchak announced that he is continuing the tradition of hosting a reception at his house this afternoon at 4:30 to recognize the important work of the Graduate Council and invited all to attend.

Graduate enrollment projections are looking reasonably good with at least 4,000 enrolled students even although it has been a challenging year working with the new Banner program. The Graduate Enrollment Working Group will be working on evaluation of marketing strategies as well as developing and marketing our graduate programs and research.

Substantial efforts went into making us competitive for the stimulus funds from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation with Dr. Koropchak noting that SIUC submitted 4 major projects totaling approximately 40 million dollars for campus renovation projects.

The Council was given a copy of ORDA's report on grants and contracts which compares this year's total to last year. The report shows that we have received \$17 million to date (end of August), which is almost twice last year's number at this time. At the federal level we are almost three times more than last year.

He announced that a **Technology and Innovation Expo** will be held on Friday, October 9. The goal is to attract investors to support ideas for inventors on campus. Because this is the day before homecoming, we hope to have alumni in attendance. Two SIU Alumni will be presenting at this event; Mr. Bob Gower will be giving a presentation and Mr. Curt Jones founder of Dipping Dots will be unveiling a new product line.

Good News

The German Government has honored Professor Xingmao "Samuel" Ma, SIUC assistant professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Energy, as one of 15 people selected worldwide as a "green talent."

Professor Scott Ishman is part of an international team on the NSF Antarctic Integrated Systems Science program and has been involved in that effort for many years.

Mr. Steve Borrego a doctoral student from Zoology recently received a three year NSF Graduate Research Fellowship.

Associate Dean Wilson

Associate Dean Wilson announced that requests for nominations for the outstanding thesis award have been sent out and are due back by September 26.

Associate Dean John Mead

The Professional Science Masters in Energy and Fuels approved by the council last year is now on the books with approval from the Board of Trustees. The National Science Foundation has recently issued an RFP for development of PSM's which generate interest to expand that degree program.

FutureGen is moving along; the Department of Energy Undersecretary signed the agreement. They will need additional industrial partners on board before January 2010 so the project can move forward.

5. **Faculty Senate – Professor Howze**

The Faculty Senate will meet this Tuesday at 1 p.m. The Executive Council meeting was held this past Tuesday and discussed the joint resolution between the Faculty Senate and the Graduate Council on Open Access SIUC. VCR Koropchak stated that the Chancellor and he met to set up a committee on Open Access, which will be co-chaired by David Carlson and David Wilson. The first meeting of this Committee will be in late September.

6. **Announcements – Professor Hellgren**

Professor Hellgren welcomed Dean Means from the College of Science who will be the Dean's Council representative on the Graduate Council and announced that Mark Peterson from the College of Business will be replacing Jacob Rose who has left the university.

7. **Nominations to Committees – Professor Mundschenk**

Professors Todd Headrick and Eileen Meehan will be replacing Professors Judy Drolet and John Preece on the Honorary Degree and Distinguished Service Award Committee.

We still need a replacement for Professor Steven Kraft on the University Joint Benefits Committee.

Professor John Groninger will serve on the Chancellor's Planning and Budget Committee.

Professor Donna Post will continue to serve on the University Assessment Committee for 2009-2010.

We will need a replacement on the Library Affairs Committee to replace Professor Scott McClurg, who has moved to the Open Access Committee.

8. **GPSC Report**

A meeting was held yesterday evening. Announced that the GPSC would be happy to do anything to help spread the word about the need for MAP funding

9. **Chancellor Search Committee – Professor Tom Britton**

Chairman Hellgren read notes provided by Professor Britton to convey to the council in his absence. The date for fullest consideration will be September 15. 17 applications and nominations have been received and 15 others have expressed interest. Professor Britton hopes to have a fully developed report at the October meeting. Professor Ann Fletcher, a member of the Search Committee, said the various constituencies will be contacted about meeting with the candidates. If anyone would like to discuss the search, she would be happy to meet with them. Some information is, of course, confidential, but the committee is trying to be as transparent as possible. The website will continually be updated with new information.

10. **Report of New Programs Committee – Professor Scott Ishman**

Professor Scott Ishman announced the New Programs Committee is waiting to receive proposals for new programs. The Committee has established a time to meet when necessary.

11. **Report of Research Committee – Professor Manoj Mohanty**

Professor Mohanty reported that the Research Committee met once and discussed overhead distribution and reduced loads for new faculty so they can quickly establish their research. The Committee will also examine what our peers are doing in these areas. He added that there was discussion about having a large contingent of faculty go after large grants. The Committee will meet again this fall.

12. **Report of Program Review Committee – Professor Mark Kittleson**

Professor Kittleson stated that the committee has met. Earlier this summer a request was sent to every College asking for volunteers who would like to serve as the graduate faculty designee for program reviews; 16 people volunteered. The Committee is in the process of assigning individuals to the various programs. We have over 20 programs to be reviewed this year.

Professor Mundschenk reported from last year's Committee regarding the review of the research facilities under Associate Vice Chancellor Rice. Professor Mundschenk stated that this was a fairly intensive process and a substantial report was written that is now on the website. She urged everyone to read the report. The Committee was struck by the lack of visibility of the research facilities, but was

very impressed by the faculty and students who used the facilities. She added that the federal stimulus money will go a long way to fund those projects and will make a significant improvement since many of the issues are budgetary. The report concluded that long-term financial planning is needed for the facilities. VCR Koropchak stated a new pamphlet describing the research facilities on campus has just been published. The pamphlet has been disseminated to the various colleges and departments on campus to help familiarize them with the research facilities on campus.

13. **Report of Ed Policies Committee – Professor McClurg**

Professor McClurg was not in attendance.

14. **Old Business**

Chairman Hellgren announced that Dr. Susan Logue has sent out a draft report on the procedures for implementation of the sexual harassment policy. Dr. Logue would like comments from the various constituencies. He asked for suggestions as to how we do that – bring her in for our October meeting, or form a committee to review the policy. Associate Dean Wilson stated the policy has been passed by the board, but implementation of the policy is what is needed. He added that this is also subject to negotiation or bargaining in addition to input from other constituency groups. Chairman Hellgren will send an email asking the Graduate Council members to review the document and added that perhaps Dr. Logue can attend the October meeting for questions. VCR Koropchak suggested this be assigned to the Ed Policies Committee.

15. **New Business**

There was no new business to report.

There being no further business to bring before the council, meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Recording Secretary