

**Graduate Council Meeting**  
Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
May 6, 2010 - 8:00 AM  
Missouri/Kaskaskia Room, Student Center

**Members and Administrative Officers:**

*Present:* Sara Baer; Gargi Bhattacharya (GPSC); Thomas Britton; David Carlson; Judith Davie; Daniel Dyer; Anne Fletcher (Ryan Netzley); Samuel Goldman; John Groninger; Eric Hellgren; Nicholas Hoffman (GPSC); Jodi Huggenvik; Holly Hurlburt; Scott Ishman; Kimberly Kempf-Leonard; Mark Kittleson; John A. Koropchak; Shauna MacDonald (GPSC); Pat Manfredi; Jay Means (Deans Council); Eileen Meehan (Ryan Netzley); Christian Moe; Manoj Mohanty; Nancy Mundschenk; Ryan Netzley; Mark Peterson; Elyse Pineau; Don Rice; Prudence Rice; Alicia Swan (GPSC); Keith Waugh; David Wilson; Tomasz Wiltowski; and Bryan Young.

*Absent:* John Dobbins; Phillip Howze; Leslie Lloyd; John Mead; Scott McClurg; Pat McNeil; Ratna Sinha; and Alex Vansaghi (GPSC); William Stevens.

*Others Present:* Gary Apgar; Susan Ford; Uche Onyebadi; and Tina Price, substituting for Donna Reynolds during this meeting.

**Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am by Chairman Hellgren.

**1. Consideration of Minutes of the April 1, 2010 Graduate Council meeting.**

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes; motion passed unanimously.

**2. Special Presentation: Haiti School Project – Dr. Uche Onyebadi, Journalism.**

Dr. Onyebadi provided copies of his slide presentation entitled *Reconnection Through Reconstruction: SIUC Community Supports Education in Haiti*. He discussed the primary goal of Reconstruction, to build a primary school in Haiti, and a secondary goal of Reconnection, reviving and going beyond a former SIUC School of Design study abroad program to Haiti during the 1980s. Dr. Onyebadi seeks support and encouragement from the Graduate Council as well as other units on campus for a Fall launch of the project. For further information, contact onyebadi@siu.edu or call (618) 453-5483.

After a short question and answer segment, Chairman Hellgren will provide a letter of support endorsing the project on behalf of the Graduate Council. Dr. Onyebadi was also encouraged to come back to the Council next year to solicit support in launching the project.

**3. Remarks—Chancellor Goldman**

Dr. Goldman discussed the Board of Trustees Meeting scheduled for next week in Alton, at which time the tuition and fees will be approved and other issues facing the board. He spoke on SIUC's plan for a zero percent tuition increase, and the difficulties that will ensue with a recommendation of a 1.8% fee increase. Additionally, with a limited increase in fees and no

support coming out of the operating budget, see reduced services in the following operating areas:

- The REC Center
- The Student Center
- Curtailment of renovations; one such plan involved the University Housing proposed \$400,000 renovation that was to be done in-house, thus impacting the Physical Plant
- Curtailment of services resulting in a reduction in student employment

Dr. Goldman stated that summer enrollment is close to 80% of last year at this point; percentage of freshmen, sophomore and junior registration is very high. He acknowledged the distribution of all summer allocations, but stressed that the major source of any income, especially new income, is in tuition. There is no specific budget number to work with, but he felt hopeful that it would be over this week and something will be decided. Dr. Goldman added that discussions have begun with Dr. Cheng and the Deans regarding next year's budget.

Regarding enrollment, Fall enrollment numbers are at 16%, with 17-18 weeks remaining. We are easily 250 above the previous year in terms of applications and admissions in the Border States, in the five areas; particularly MO, IN and TN. The newer nursing program is going very well with 50 out of 80 admissions. It is hoped that those not admitted will move into other areas at the university. Also, all signs point to a good year in international student enrollment, but there is a need to make a bigger push in the undergraduate area.

In response to questions regarding the Board's rationale for a zero percent increase, Dr. Goldman responded that there is a concern about passing the burden on to the students. He observed that we cater to a different group of students than many of the other universities in that we pass out well over \$200 million a year in financial aid, and that this is not enough with 80% of our students on some type of aid. In looking at the data on dropouts and the reasons given, it is clear that students are leaving for financial reasons. His hope is that the numbers could be made up in volume.

In response to questions concerning what happens to the rents obtained through university housing, and how is it utilized, Dr. Goldman advised that university housing is an auxiliary enterprises, a separate group that sells their own bonds and pays rent. The university puts no money into that enterprise and has no input into those dollars.

Dr. Goldman expressed thanks for his time with the Graduate Council and he that leaves with some good and happy thoughts.

#### **4. Remarks—Interim Provost Don S. Rice**

Dr. Rice advised that the School of Law and the School of Journalism were successfully accredited by the ABA Review Board, adding that the faculty did an excellent job on the self-studies.

Dr. Rice advised that the following was gathered from his office, the offices of Dr. Goldman and Larry Shilling of Institutional Research. Two concerns regarding salaries of represented

faculty were shared by the Faculty Association and the Board during the most recent faculty contract negotiations:

- Salary compression on this campus, wherein we are suffering a situation where older faculty are losing ground to younger faculty coming at market value, and
- Issue of parity with peers, showing we are well below our Illinois peers in terms of comparative salary.

He outlined what was agreed upon and what actually happened during those four years:

- A. Establish an equity pool of \$250K the first year, \$500K the second year, \$1M the third and \$1.5M in FY2010.
- B. Annual average salary for full professors rose 30%, associate professors rose 28%, and tenure-track assistant professors rose 19%.
- C. With respect to parity, a salary comparison between SIU and our Carnegie peers;
  - i. Fall 2004, mean annual salary of full professors 10.7% below, associate professors 4.57% below, assistant professors 3.45% below our peers.
  - ii. Fall 2009, full professor .79% below; associate professors .57% below, assistant professors .67% below our peers.

Dr. Rice added that while we have not matched our Carnegie peers completely, we are even better against our Illinois peers. He hoped it was felt that we are leveling the playing field with respect to salaries.

## **5. Announcements**

### Vice Chancellor for Research John A. Koropchak

Dr. Koropchak advised that this is the last meeting the current Graduate Council. He expressed thanks for their concerns and efforts in always having the approach of working toward the betterment of the university and being thoughtful of the faculty and student concerns.

Dr. Koropchak shared the following information and updates:

- At the end of the tenth month of this fiscal year, total awards stand at \$63.4M, a 19% increase or about \$10M over the same period last fiscal year.
- Research awards totaled \$29.2M, a 34% increase over the same period last fiscal year.
- Federal awards stand at \$26M, a 46% increase over the same period last fiscal year; reflects significantly the stimulus bill
- Graduate applications are down 2-3% compared to last fiscal year due to significant decrease our in international applications. The anomaly there is that the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) recently provided a nation-wide report showing that international applications are up 7% nationally. But there are other data circulating that indicate 40% of the states have seen a decreases in international applications, and all of those states are states where there have been negative budget publicity; a couple of examples include Illinois, California and Florida.

Institutions where we have made close connections in China and India are sending us very good applications such that the acceptance rate is extremely high, around 90%. So success rate for those with international applications is probably growing. In part and

because of that, our admission are up 12% at this point. That is the next step, admitting students that are sufficiently qualified.

The last time these data were reported we were up 25%; our rate of admissions seems to be slowing. He encouraged the departments and colleges to redouble their efforts to deal with the admissions of new graduate students, especially before the semester ends.

- The Research Town Meeting was a successful event. The incoming chancellor had an opportunity to visit and was impressed by the quality of work being done.
- Dr. Koropchak circulated the program for the St. Louis Area Undergraduate Research Symposia (STLAURS) which was restarted last year and SIU hosted last Saturday. It was a great opportunity to showcase what we do here, with approximately two-thirds of the student participants from SIUC and twenty from the St. Louis area. Our students ranked in First Place, with an Honorable Mention. Thanks were given to the office of Dr. Prudence Rice and Meg Martin, along with the students assisting in that event.
- Available online is a new report published by the CGS entitled *The Path Forward*. Supported by the Educational Testing Service and the Council of Graduate Schools, it is a high level report focused on doctoral education, and received national recognition. This may be a useful document for the Graduate Council to consider in their deliberations, especially during the next year.
- Among visits had in Washington, DC, were the National Science Foundation which reiterated that graduate research fellowships will continue to be an area where funding has increased significantly. The \$30K fellowships come with tuition and are not just for hard sciences, but students competing from a wide variety of disciplines.

Also there was a visit with the Undersecretary for the Department of Energy and Fossil Fuels, along with a couple of counterparts from the University of Texas and West Virginia. In addition to discussion about collaboration and building greater efforts to involve universities and the DOE, we talked a lot about the FutureGen project. They seemed to be much more positive about this project and that they believed that by September it will be a good path for that project. It will be a great thing for the state as well as the university.

- Regarding a press release about the College of Education graduate programs and their rankings by the US News and World Reports. The Graduate School of Education ranked 71<sup>st</sup> out of 278, and Workforce Education was ranked 8<sup>th</sup> among Specialty Programs in Education. Congratulations to the folks at the College of Education.
- Congratulations to engineering student Anil Mehta who has been selected as Student Representative for IEEE Region 5.
- Students selected for Posters on the Hill included architectural students Antoinette Leteau and James Schmidt

In response to a question concerning possible recruiting during the summer, Dr. Wilson stated that there would be summer recruiting. Dr. Koropchak added that we will continue a number of things that have been done in the past, such as, advertising in school newspapers of neighboring state institutions, and exploring advertising in India and China. I will be meeting with a group from journalism currently working on an end of the semester project looking at branding in China.

Associate Vice Chancellor Prudence Rice

Dr. Rice thanked Meg Martin on her staff for her hard work in organizing the STLAURS conference, and thanked Scott Ishman and Scott McClurg who gave the keynote speakers.

Dr. Korophak stated that all the staff and their colleagues should be congratulated for a job well done with those who participated in the program.

Associate Dean David L. Wilson

Dr. Wilson stated that after sending out letters to directors of graduate studies reminding them of applications needing action, there were 40 admissions with more expected today.

The new Graduate Record Examination has substantial changes, including the old 200-800 scale which will disappear. They are doing everything they can to discourage departments from summing the points. They feel it is not a proper way to evaluate the overall student. The scoring scale will go to 130-170, going up in increments of 1; the old scoring system went up in increments of 10. The ETS website has materials about this and is also willing to visit campuses. It might well be worth thinking about that visit next year to explain what they are trying to do in terms of their testing.

In response to a question concerning the subject scale, Dr. Wilson stated that the old 200-400 scale will stand for the subject test.

Associate Dean John S. Mead

No Report.

**6. Announcements – Chairman Hellgren**

Adhoc Resolution from Dr. McClurg was read by Chairman Hellgren.

“Whereas, Southern Illinois University is committed to supporting research and creative activity of the highest quality,  
Whereas the office of the Vice Chancellor of Research and its component units area are responsible for facilitating such activity,  
Whereas, the total amount of research awards and other external funds to the SIUC campus have increased significantly during fiscal year 2010,  
Whereas, this increase has budgetary benefits that extend beyond the principal investigators and project directors,  
Be it resolved that the Graduate Council recognizes the efforts of Vice Chancellor of Research John Koropchak and his staff in creating a climate in which its success has been achieved.”

Motion to suspend the rules for this motion was seconded and approved. There being no further discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

A motion to restore the rules was seconded and approved.

**7. Faculty Senate—Incumbent Vice President Professor Gary Afgar**

Dr. Afgar reported that Dr. Kumar is the new Faculty Senate President.

**8. Nominations to Committees—Professor Mundschenk**

It was announced that Kristy McIntire from the College of Education will represent the Graduate Council on the University-Wide Assessment Committee. Kristy was on the working group for assessment for the **ancillary report**. She will begin in the Fall.

**9. GPSC Report- Gargi Bhattacharya**

No report.

It was announced that this is Gargi Bhattacharya's last visit as Vice President for Economic Affairs for GPSC.

**10. Report of Research Committee—Professor Mohanty**

Dr. Mohanty advised that they do not have a resolution and are still debating. He asked that it be tabled until the next meeting.

**11. Report of New Programs Committee—Professor Ishman**

Resolution (vote): RME: Addition of Hospitality and Tourism Administration Concentration to the M.S. Degree in Food and Nutrition

“Whereas, the Department of Animal Science, Food and Nutrition currently offers an M.S. Degree in Food and Nutrition in Concentrations in Community Nutrition and Nutritional Science;

Whereas, Hospitality and Tourism is the third fastest growing industry in the U.S. and first worldwide;

Whereas, a Concentration in Hospitality and Tourism Administration enables students to develop the skills necessary to solve problems and issues within the hospitality and tourism industry through course work, directed projects, and research, and provides educational preparation for students interested in future Ph.D. studies;

Whereas, SIU Carbondale would be the only public University to offer a Concentration in Hospitality and Tourism Administration within an approximate 300 mil radius;

Whereas, there will be no immediate effect on the current faculty;

Whereas, an increase in tuition revenue with no additional state resources needed to support the program is anticipated;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the request by the Department of Animal Science, Food and Nutrition to add the Concentration in Hospitality and Tourism Administration to the M.S. Degree in Food and Nutrition.”

In response to questions regarding the number of tenure track faculty and the type of support for the resolution, Dr. Afgar stated that there are four tenure track faculty under the Food and

Nutrition and seven in Animal Science. It was on the agenda for the last departmental meeting and there was no one negative opinions.

In response to a question regarding what prepares the faculty to deal with hospitality and administration issues when their training is in food chemistry, nutrition and dietetics, Dr. Apgar stated that there is no food chemist, so they do not do any food sciences. It is specifically nutritional science or food nutrition. There is also an assistant professor who is a survey tech. She takes the social side of the food industry, so she does a lot of banquets. It is programmed with her as well as a couple of other instructors.

Motion to approve the Resolution was seconded. There being no further discussions, the motion was approved unanimously.

**12. Report of Program Review Committee—Professor Kittleson**

Dr. Kittleson distributed copies of an overview of the program review and thanked those listed who assisted in the review process.

He advised that they are still in the discussion mode as to what to do with the actual reviews, the internal and external, and how to submit them later.

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

Report of the Ad Hoc Graduate Orientation Committee identified a significant problem on campus that needs to be addressed immediately by the university community associated with the lack of university housing for the international students.

Resolution (vote): Housing for International Students

“Whereas, lack of appropriate housing will have a negative impact on enrollment of international students at SIUC,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the graduate council strongly recommends to the Chancellor that Southern Hills be made available to international students for Fall 2010 contracts and all following terms until an appropriate alternative for affordable and appropriate housing for international students is identified.”

Dr. Wilson stated that this is a serious problem as Southern Hills is not accepting new contracts for the Fall. He added that international students are recruited with the understanding that they would have a convenient place to live at a competitive cost. Without appropriate housing, we will lose them.

There was further discussion regarding involving the support of the Chancellor.

There being no further discussion the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**14. Old Business:**

**No report.**

**15. New Business:**

Chairman Hellgren distributed certificates in recognition of those who have served and are going off the Graduate Council; Gargi Bhattacharya, Thomas Britton, Daniel Dyer, Anne Fletcher, Nicholas Hoffman, Jodi Huggenvik, Scott Ishman who has been re-elected, Shauna MacDonald, Scott McClurg who has been re-elected Manoj Mohanty, Alicia Swan, and Alex Vansaghi.

Resolution read by Chair Hellgren:

“Whereas, Nancy A. Mundschenk has served as vice chair of the graduate council for 2009-2010 academic year, and

Whereas, she has well represented graduate education and research to the various constituencies for many years, and

Whereas she has provided valuable service to the Graduate Council by her wisdom,

Whereas she has participated actively in discussions on the future direction of graduate education and research,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council representing the Graduate Faculty expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Nancy A. Mundschenk for her unique contributions to the graduate council.”

Resolution read by Dr. Mundschenk:

“Whereas, Eric C. Hellgren has served chair of the graduate council for the 2009-2010 academic year, and also having served as vice chair of the council, and

Whereas, he has well represented graduate education and research to the various constituencies, and

Whereas he has provided valuable service to the Graduate Council by his direction, real wisdom, and

Whereas he has accomplished all of the above with composure and style,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council representing the Graduate Faculty, expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Eric C. Hellgren for his excellent leadership of the graduate council.”

The new members of the council were advised to remain for the next organizational meeting to following immediately.

There being no further business to bring before the council, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

