

Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Minutes of the Graduate Council
December 1, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the SIU Carbondale Graduate Council (GC) was held in the Kaskaskia and Missouri Rooms of the Student Center, Carbondale, Illinois on December 1, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Chair Scott Ishman at 8:05 am.

Members in attendance were Najjar Abdul-Musawwir, Gary Apgar, Sara Baer, Christopher Behan, Scott Collins, Judith Davie, John Dobbins, Carl Flowers, Susan Ford, Katherine Frith, Constantine Hatziadoniu, Delwar Hossain (GPSC), Jodi Huggenvik, Holly Hurlburt, Kathy Hytten, Manoj Mohanty, Scott Ishman, Kimberly Kempf-Leonard (Alison Watts), Matthew McCarroll, Joshua Potter (GPSC), Pamela Smoot, Suresh Tadisina, Keith Waugh and Matthew Whiles.

Ex Officio members in attendance were John A. Koropchak, Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean, Jay Means, Deans' Council Representative, and John Nicklow, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor. Graduate School members in attendance were Ratna Sinha, Associate Director, and David Wilson, Associate Dean and Director.

Absent during this meeting were David Carlson, Rita Cheng, John Groninger, Levi Jost (GPSC), Wanki Moon, Ryan Netzley, Monica Newby (GPSC), and Travis Pour (GPSC).

Also present were Tina M. Price, Recording Secretary, and Alison Watts, proxy for Kimberly Kempf-Leonard.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The Chair opened the floor for corrections or edits to the Minutes of November 3, 2011. There were no corrections or amendments to the minutes. On a motion duly made and seconded, those minutes were approved.

REMARKS

Chancellor Cheng

Chair Ishman conveyed the following remarks from Chancellor Cheng for the GC:

1. Several members of the Board of Trustees will receive an overview of the Chancellor's office next Wednesday. William Recktenwald, President of the Faculty Senate will also attend. The agenda will include discussions regarding the student services building, deferred maintenance and the bylaw changes.

Chair Ishman advised the GC members to attend next Thursday's meeting of the Board if any of the topics are of interest. Also, he would not be in attendance at the meeting.

2. The Strategic Planning Steering Committee is meeting, with plans to launch conversations next semester on the future of the university.

3. Chancellor and Allan Karnes attended the Performance Funding meeting, in concert with the IBHE meeting.

The Chair stated that SIU has taken an aggressive approach to assure that our concerns are well communicated to that group and suggestions being made as a part of the plan.

4. The advertising campaign has been launched with high school publications and banners, radio announcements, and newspaper ads.
5. Spring enrollments are behind from last year; everyone is encouraged to prompt students to register as soon as possible for spring semester courses. The 2012 applications are a little ahead of last year, but admissions for the semester are behind.
6. A \$1 million tuition shortfall this fall was addressed at the Planning and Budget Committee. Work continues on efficiencies across campus to reduce costs and on revenue enhancement plans; most are in the academic areas.

Provost John W. Nicklow

The following remarks were provided:

- Admissions for fall applications were behind partly due to a change in the application processes.
- The Academic Policy Review Committee looks at any academic policy on campus for consistency and provides recommendations to the Chancellor and the Campus. A tentative version out within a week to the campus for early review in the spring.
- Program Review Committee, co-chaired by Allan Karnes and Todd Winters, hopes to have metrics available in December and these will be taken to the campus for input in the spring.
- Six candidates for Chief Information Officer search; half are scheduled before the holidays and the remainder in January. Three Dean Searches are ongoing.
- The Dean of Mass Communication and Media Arts retires in January; an interim search to begin in spring.
- Dr. Mark Amos was appointed as Associate Provost and Dean of the University College, and Dr. James S. Allen was appointed as Associate Provost for Academic Programs; appointees are in place.
- The SIU debate team continues to gain awards. The recent debate competition was held in California; the top 20 teams by invitation only. SIUC won that event, with the top debater from SIUC.

There were discussions regarding the topic of research and the matrix. Chair Ishman stated that two sub-committees were put together to address the issues. The Provost stated that once the recommendations are made, it would be taken to the campus for input.

There were no further questions or comments.

1. Announcements

Vice Chancellor for Research John A. Koropchak

Dr. Koropchak attended the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities meeting. Higher education, nation-wide is facing a lot of issues today. As part of the Council for Research and Graduate Education, topics of discussion included:

- Budget cuts
- Projected reductions in federal research dollars
- Problems with workforce
- Program consolidation

The results of the federal budget in Congress will not be known for months, but each program will face roughly an 8% budget cuts. The discussions addressed reducing the overall size of the grants, with a complicated analysis of the ranges of these. Agencies manage with what they have, while others are not sure what will happen at this point.

The public health service released new Conflict of Interest Guidelines that must be implemented by all universities receiving NIH grants by August of 2012. We are working on revising the policy to be in compliance with the federal guidelines.

Regarding the sponsored projects academic incentive awards concept that the GC passed a resolution last spring, the next step is the development of a framework to implement the plan. A draft has been shared with the Chancellor and Provost. After agreement on a plan, a follow on step may be negotiations with the faculty association representatives.

In response to a question by Dr. Mohanty regarding a timeline for the implementation plan, Dr. Koropchak stated that there may be an additional step involving the Board of Trustees or presidential approval. There is no fixed date of completion.

In response to a question by Dr. Tadisina regarding the process of approval for certificate programs, Dr. Wilson stated that there is currently a process for approval, in accord with the IBHE guidelines. A copy is available for review.

There were no further comments or questions.

Associate Dean Wilson

Discussion topics planned at the Graduate Enrollment Working Group meeting this afternoon include the 900 applications for springs; a large group of “no decisions.” Colleges were encouraged to get their graduate students registered. Discussions will include the purchase of names using the GRE search service. Work continues on a process to set this up.

The Midwest Association for Graduate Schools (MAGS) has established an award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, with a January deadline. In order to establish a structure, a committee will be formed to ask for nominations for submission; an active student is preferred.

In response to questions regarding the award, Dr. Wilson stated that it is a monetary award of \$750. The application has not been setup on the website.

There were no further comments or questions.

2. **Announcements - Chair Scott Ishman**

The commencement committee concluded deliberations. Dean Leonard submitted the report to the Office of the Chancellor.

Dr. Koropchak added that one recommendation was the elimination of the Graduate School ceremony. They would be recognized with the colleges where the degrees are given. The recommendation would start in December.

Chair Ishman added that the recommendation was to allow undergraduates to see the “Pomp and Circumstance” of the hooding of PhDs, and what they could aspire.

3. **Faculty Senate—Professor Apgar**

No report.

4. **Report from CPBAC—Professor Ishman**

Carol Henry from the Office of the Chancellor gave a short presentation explaining the line items in the budget and how those monies could be spent. The members were asked if they wanted to hear a presentation by Carol Henry to the GC.

There was a brief discussion, after which Professor Ishman stated he would ask if she would be willing to present at a future meeting.

5. **Nominations to Committees—Professor Ford**

Regarding the Nominations Committee, Chair Ishman reported that Professor Farey, Geology Department, was nominated to the dean search committee for Education and Human Services.

Professor Ford arrived at the meeting. There were no further reports.

6. **GPSC Report- Joshua Potter**

Reports from various committees across campus have been received. A special meeting is planned with the Chancellor.

7. **Report of Research Committee—Professor Baer**

The committee has been looking at peer institutions charging tuition on grants. A review of 23 institutions revealed that 11 are charging. There are multiple issues of concerns if our university adopts this policy; specifically,

- a review of their policies for charging
- how it is included in the budget
- any indirect costs
- how it is allocated
- how is the income generated
- any incentives to PIs
- and how these funds might be used within this university.

After a brief discussion, it was noted that the University of Chicago-Illinois’ students pay tuition across the board and receive higher stipends, and no incentives to PIs were found.

8. **Report of New Programs Committee—Professor Hurlburt**

Professor Hurlburt stated that there has been no response from the College of Education regarding the **RME to Discontinue Certificate in Conflict Resolution in College of Education and Human Services.**

After a brief discussion, Professor Hurlburt proceeded with the reading of the resolution.

RATIONALE

Whereas, The College of Education and Human Services currently offers a certificate in Conflict Resolution, an interdisciplinary program cross listed in Health Education, Higher Education, Educational Administration, Educational Psychology and Social Work.

And whereas the College proposes the elimination of this certificate program due to low enrollment and lack of faculty resources.

RESOLUTION

Therefore, be it resolved that, although it inherently recognizes the value inherent in interdisciplinary programs, the Graduate Council approves the proposed RME for Elimination of the certificate program.

Professor Hurlburt advised that the word “inherently” would be stricken from the text.

Chairman Ishman called for a motion to approve the resolution. There being none opposed, the resolution passed unanimously.

9. **Report of Program Review Committee—Professor Huggenvik**

No report.

Chair Ishman asked Professor Huggenvik to comment on the email from Dr. Allen. Dr. Allen plans to form a committee to address how the review process is conducted on campus. Of concern is the long process of internal and external reviewers, and how to have a better outcome and make some progress.

Chair Ishman stated that Professor Huggenvik will be on the committee, and an additional member from the GC is needed.

10. **Report of Education Policies Committee—Professor Collins**

Professor Collins stated that no issues had been brought forward.

11. **Old Business:**

No report.

12. **New Business:**

No report.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to bring before the Graduate Council, the motion to adjourn was moved and seconded. February 2, 2012, and the Missouri and Kaskaskia Rooms of the Student Center were fixed as the time and place of the next regular meeting, and the December 1, 2011, meeting was adjourned at 8:41 am.

Tina M. Price
Recording Secretary

Attachments:

RME to Discontinue Certificate in Conflict Resolution