

MEETING OF THE 2008-2009 GRADUATE COUNCIL

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Tuesday, December 9, 2008--8:30 a.m.

Kaskaskia/Missouri Room—Student Center

AGENDA

Announcement of Proxies

1. Consideration of the minutes* of the November 6, 2008.
2. Remarks / Announcements
 - a. University & Graduate School Leadership
 - b. Constituency Leadership
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee
 1. Plagiarism Policy Proposals*
 2. Interim positions
 - b. Nomination to Committees—Dr. Hellgren
 - c. Research & Ed. Policies Committee—Drs. Manfredi & Renzaglia
 1. Discussion of Signature Programs Proposal*
 - d. New Programs Committee—Dr. Williard
 - 1) For Approval
 - A. New Area of Concentration:

The Department of English has proposed a new area of concentration, English Studies, in their M.A. degree program. This concentration would be an addition to their two current areas of concentration in 1) Literature; and, 2) Rhetoric and Composition, which are designed to train students in research and scholarship to prepare for Ph.D. study. The proposed concentration in English Studies would allow the Department of English to admit and train students who want to gain more disciplinary training in English without pursuing a research focused degree. This concentration would target high school teachers and other professionals who desire more training in English. Faculty volunteered to offer evening, Saturday morning, and off-campus courses to meet the needs of this population of prospective graduate students. The terminal event of the degree program would be an oral examination based on course work. The faculty in the Department of English unanimously approved this proposed addition to their M.A. degree. There are no anticipated budgetary effects of this degree modification. If off-campus courses are offered in the future, they will be offered on a cost recovery basis.

Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the modification of the existing M.A. degree in English to include an area of concentration in English Studies.

B. Modification of Degree:

The College of Applied Sciences and Arts has proposed to add a Track 2 option to the M.S. program in Medical Dosimetry. The Track 1 option in the existing program was designed for individuals seeking a career in Medical Dosimetry who are currently not certified. Track 2 would target practicing Certified Medical Dosimetrists (CMDs) who would like to complete an M.S. degree. There is significant interest among certified CMD's for this type of degree program. Track 2 will not include clinical courses, since the students will be practicing CMD's. The primary mode of delivery of courses will be on-line. There are no anticipated budgetary effects of this degree modification. The Track 2 option will follow the cost-recovery model, which has been successfully employed with Track 1. The additional courses required for Track 2 will be taught by existing faculty within the School of Allied Health.

Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the modification of the existing M.S. degree in Medical Dosimetry to include a Track 2 option for practicing CMD's.

C. New Program:

Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC) has proposed a Professional Science Master's (PSM) program in Advanced Energy and Fuels Management. The PSM degree is designed as a terminal degree for students in the sciences, mathematics, or engineering that provides additional disciplinary training and professional skills development, commonly in business and management. As a relatively new degree concept, the PSM degree is recognized as an official degree category only in the state of Arizona. Currently, the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) is having discussions to establish the PSM as an official degree category in Illinois.

Demand for sustainable energy and alternative fuels, such as bio-fuels, continues to grow. Illinois is a leading state in the development and use of clean coal technology and the bio-fuels industry. The energy and fuels industries seek individuals who have a technical and business management background to fill management positions in their organizations. The proposed PSM degree by the Colleges of Agricultural Sciences, Business and Administration, Engineering, and Science is designed to fill that need. The proposed program consists of 36 credits hours to be completed over a 13 month period, including 9 business related credit hours, 9 science technology credit hours, 3 credit hours of energy policy, 9 elective credit hours, and a capstone 6 credit hour internship in industry. SIUC has received \$450,000 in federal funding over 3 years to support course development activities, marketing, and administration of the proposed program. For year 4 and beyond, the program director will seek additional

external funding, as well as consider placing the program on a cost-recovery basis.

Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the creation of a Professional Science Master's (PSM) program in Advanced Energy and Fuels Management. The Graduate Council acknowledges that the PSM program will start by conferring M.S. degrees, until the PSM degree becomes formalized by the IBHE.

d. Program Review Committee—Dr. Mundschenk

e. Report of Ed. Policies Committee—Dr. Professor Manfredi

6. New Business

The Next Meeting of the Graduate Council will take place Thursday, February 5, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. in the Kaskaskia/Missouri Room of the Student Center.