

## MEETING OF THE 2009-2010 GRADUATE COUNCIL

Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
Thursday, May 6, 2010--8:00 a.m.  
Kaskaskia/Missouri Room—Student Center

### AGENDA

Announcement of Proxies—Associate Dean Wilson

1. Consideration of the minutes of the April 1, 2010 Graduate Council meeting.
2. Special Presentation: Haiti School Project – Dr. Uche Onyebadi, Journalism
2. Remarks—Chancellor Goldman
3. Remarks—Interim Provost Rice
4. Announcements—Vice Chancellor Koropchak, Associate Vice Chancellor Rice, Associate Dean Wilson, and Associate Dean Mead
5. Announcements—Professor Hellgren
6. Faculty Senate—Professor Howze
7. Nominations to Committees—Professor Mundschenk
8. GPSC Report- Gargi Bhattacharya
9. Report of Research Committee—Professor Mohanty
10. 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
11. Report of Program Review Committee—Professor Kittleson
12. Report of Ed. Policies Committee—Professor McClurg  
Resolution (vote): Housing for International Students
13. Old Business:
14. New Business:

**The organizational meeting of the 2010-2011 Graduate Council will take place immediately following adjournment of the regular meeting.**

**Resolution – 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 with 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 mile 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.

## **Resolution: Housing for International Students**

The report of the Ad-Hoc Graduate Orientation Committee identified a significant problem on campus that needs to be addressed immediately by the University community (Memo from Jan Roddy, chair, to John A. Koropchak, April 27, 2010): *“Issues of Particular Importance to Incoming International Students*

### Lack of Appropriate Housing for International Students

Identifying affordable, appropriate housing is a much greater challenge for incoming international graduate students than for domestic students and will reach a crisis point soon as Southern Hills is no longer accepting new tenants. International graduate students need affordable housing, close to campus that does not require private transportation. It is essential to have housing complexes with a significant international student population, where students can be matched to roommates and neighbors by national and cultural heritage. This aids new students in making connections to others who understand their background and who can assist them in acclimating to the differences and practicalities of living in a new country and culture.

Southern Hills has been the most viable housing area for single international students in the past but is now no longer available to incoming students. The committee believes that action needs to be taken immediately to identify housing alternatives that can offer what Southern Hills has in the past, and to engage in discussions with appropriate university entities to try to ensure that Southern Hills is not closed to new students until this occurs.”

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

Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council strongly recommends to the Chancellor that Southern Hills be made available to international students for Fall 10 contracts and all following terms until an appropriate alternative for affordable and appropriate housing for international students is identified.