

**2014-2015 GRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 5, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Dr. Judith Davie.

Members Present: Craig Anz, Amanda Barnard (GPSC), Randolph Burnside, Norman Carver, David Conrad, Bryan Crow, Sarah Curtis (GPSC), Judith Davie, Michael Eichholz, Wayne Glass, Boyd Goodson, Reza Habib, Constantine Hatziaioniu, Eric Lenz, Jamie McNutt, Grant Miller, Natalie Nash (GPSC), Clayton Nielson, Cinzia Padovani, Andrew Pardieck, Julie Partridge, Corné Prozesky, Silvia Secchi, Cynthia Sims, Ratna Sinha, Kevin Taylor (GPSC), Jeremiah Unkefer (GPSC), Tomas Velasco

Members Absent:

Proxies: Jim MacLean for Sajal Lahiri, Buffy Ellsworth for Prema Narayan

Ex-Officio Members: Randy Dunn, President/Acting Chancellor; James Allen, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; Susan Ford, Acting Provost & Vice Chancellor; Keith Wilson, Dean's Council

**1. Minutes**

J. Davie asked for concerns and considerations of the December 4, 2014 Graduate Council minutes. None voiced. Motion was made by J. McNutt to approve minutes as presented. Minutes approved.

**2. Remarks – President/Acting Chancellor Dunn**

President Dunn started by talking about the various budget models that have been talked about over the past few months; a maintenance budget (moving forward with the same amount of state support), a 20% loss of state support, and identify state money within the university that can be set aside. Dunn stated that preliminary work has been done so that once direction is given by the new Illinois state administration, there is a means to proceed. Dunn continued by discussing the Board of Trustees request to the review the impact of a change in the reporting relationship for the Dean and Provost of the School of Medicine from the campus Chancellor to the system President. The rationale is that the Office of the President is often needed because of the various relationships between the School of Medicine and other related entities. The Board of Trustees also requested a review of the reporting lines of the School of Law on the Carbondale campus as well as Dental Medicine and Pharmacy on the Edwardsville campus. Dunn summed it up by saying that this is just a review of the reporting lines to look at pros and cons and compile impact statements for the Board of Trustees to take under advisement at the April meeting.

**C. Hatziaioniu** asked why this is being done now and why not wait until a new Chancellor is hired so that they can have some input. Hatziaioniu commented that if these changes could have a dramatic effect on the Carbondale campus. Dunn responded by saying that the change would be in the reporting lines only. He added that everyone understands that taking the School of Medicine away from the Carbondale campus would be very detrimental. Dunn continued by saying that a change in reporting lines would not affect the organization on the Carbondale campus.

**B. Goodson** asked if there are other national models that this same line of reporting. Dunn responded by saying there are a few and that he is doing more research in that area.

**M. Eichholz** voiced concerns (with respect) that President Dunn only has 7 months of experience and the new Chancellor will have no experience; the lack of experience can have an impact on unseen variances involved in making these types of decisions. Dunn responded that this is a fair statement which is why impact statements are being requested.

**J. Davie** stated that this is a very important issue and that the Graduate Council will respond.

**S. Secchi** commented that there is already a tension on campus related to the differences between

School of Medicine faculty and other colleges. She continued by saying that there is concern that this change would separate the School of Medicine more than what it already is. Dunn responded by saying that this concern is the same concern that was on campus 20 years ago and that the review and discussion that has been requested by the Board of Trustees will open the dialog about the differences between the School of Medicine and the other colleges on campus.

**R. Burnside** voiced concern that the news of the School of Medicine and School of Law potentially reporting somewhere else will weaken the pool of candidates for Chancellor. Dunn responded by saying that it will change the pool and not weaken it.

**Provost Ford** asked President Dunn to clarify the timeline for responses and if the Board of Trustees would be voting on this at the April meeting. Dunn responded by saying that the date the information should be turned in is March 20<sup>th</sup>. This gives them time to prepare the materials for the next board meeting.

### **3. Remarks – Provost Ford**

Provost Ford started with 10<sup>th</sup> day count numbers; Undergraduates increased 65, Off-Campus increased 195, Masters and PhD was down. Ford noted that a data team from U of I visited campus last week. They reviewed production and are preparing recommendations. The team plans on returning and providing a workshop for all key players on campus. This will put SIU in a better position to use critical campus data for planning, retention, enrollment, and many other areas. Ford continued by saying that summer semester is moving forward. The deans have been provided with a lot of data from last summer. The portfolio approach is being used. Ford added that by allowing the deans to use a portfolio approach, expensive graduate classes can be offered if it can be underwritten by a less expensive undergraduate graduate class. Ford noted that work is being done to simplify the process of hiring on grants and contracts. Ford updated the searches; Graduate School Dean is ongoing, COLA Dean names have been submitted and are under review by the Office of Diversity and Equity, Dean of the School of Business search is on hold and will start again in the fall, Registrar's search is ongoing, and the Director of Admissions search has been closed.

### **4. Remarks – Associate Provost for Academic Programs Allen**

Provost Allen noted that the Student Conduct Code has been changed twice in twelve months and requested Council members to review the latest version which is located on the Student's Rights and Responsibilities and Provost's webpage. He pointed out that there is a link located directly below the latest version that indicates specific changes made as recently as last month. Allen stressed the importance of Council members reviewing the entire conduct code with special attention to Academic Misconduct. Allen continued by announcing that there will be discussion taking place this spring about the definition of a "credit hour". This will first be addressed by the Faculty Senate. The Graduate Council will have the opportunity to review this information after that. Allen went on to talk about CASTLE (Conversation About Student Learning and Engagement). The purpose of CASTLE is to define components of student learning that can be measured. CASTLE will take place once every other week will be led by Dr. Christina McIntyre. Allen concluded by saying that a committee has been formed in response to the designation of the university as a community engaging institute by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. This committee will collect data and coordinate outreach. Recommendations from this committee will be presented to the President/Acting Chancellor and Provost.

### **5. Remarks – Interim Vice Chancellor for Research & Graduate Dean Garvey**

Garvey reported the 10<sup>th</sup> day Graduate enrollment count; Masters down by 141 and PhD down by 80. He noted that last year's Graduate enrollment was relatively high and when compared to prior years, this year's enrollment is flat. Garvey continued by saying that applications for fall are down 600 as compared to last year and added that there are usually 4000 applications per year. Garvey went on to say that currently he does not have the answers as to why Graduate school enrollment is down. Garvey stressed the importance of recruitment stating that funds from CESL help support international recruitment. He added that domestic recruitment suffers because Graduate school has no funds to support it. Garvey stated that there is discussion about raising applications fees and

using some of that money for recruitment efforts. Garvey continued by saying that continuing efforts need to be made to bring in Graduate students that will finish and not have students that are here for 15 years working on their PhD. There were additional comments and discussion about showing more support to graduate programs that have the highest enrollment, cross college teaching, and using recruitment funds for conferences because there are recruitment opportunities at conferences. Garvey responded by saying that all options are being considered.

Garvey continued by talking about research. He stated that funding for research has been flat over the past couple years and that in spite of that, SIU has maintained a fair amount of productivity. Garvey pointed out that Philip Jensick in Physiology just received a very competitive development research grant. Garvey concluded by noting that there will be a creative activity week starting on April 6, 2015.

**6. Remarks – Council Chair Dr. Davie**

J. Davie reported that there are two candidates for the Graduate Dean. Graduate Council representatives on the Chancellor's Search Committee are Judith Davie and Carl Flowers. Davie encouraged Council members to send their comments and/or concerns about search qualities for the Chancellor to either her or Dr. Flowers. Davie stated that the Graduate Council Executive Committee will discuss the call for input regarding the reorganization of the School of Medicine reporting line and have further discussion at the next Graduate Council meeting in March.

**7. Faculty Senate, Professor Jim MacLean**

MacLean reported that the next Faculty Senate meeting is February 10, 2015. He continued by reminding the Council that Judicial Review Board nominations are currently going on and to please take part in that.

**8. Deans Council – Dean Wilson**

Wilson reported that the Deans are working on getting better data so that better management decisions can be made for the colleges. He continued by stating that there will be a lot of discussion in the coming weeks about the change in reporting lines for the School of Medicine and that the Deans will keep their colleges informed.

**9. GPSC Report – Amanda Barnard**

Barnard reported that the GPSC has 30% of their travel budget left and encouraged Council members to remind their graduate students to submit their forms quickly. The Student Health Insurance recommendation has been submitted to the Board of Trustees and will be considered at the March 19, 2015 meeting and voting on it at the April 16, 2015 meeting.

**10. Nominations to Committees / Announcements – Council Vice Chair Burnside**

Burnside encouraged Council members to review the updated Student Conduct Code.

**11. Standing Committee Reports**

**a. Education Policies Committee Report – Professor Carver**

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in Support of Increasing the Graduate Application Fee.

Carver read the resolution. J. Davie noted that this is the first reading. Discussion followed noting fees from other colleges ranging from \$50 - \$90; concerns of not being able to compete with recruitment efforts of peer colleges; concerns of not doing enough to raise more money for the graduate school; suggestion to come up with the total dollar amount needed and setting the fee to accommodate that amount.

**b. New Programs Committee Report – Professor Habib**

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in Support of a Reasonable and Moderate Extension for the Addition of a Design Concentration of the Master of Fine Arts in the School of Art & Design.

Habib read the resolution. J. Davie noted that this is the first reading.

**c. Program Review Committee Report – Professor Miller**

Miller reported that the committee is wrapping up the review of programs.

**d. Research Committee Report – Professor Eichholz**

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution on Policy on Faculty and Graduate Assistants Receiving Non-SIU Grants

Second reading. Eichholz read the resolution and asked if there were any questions. Vote was taken; 23 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution on a new Postdoctoral Fellow Classification  
Second reading. Eichholz read the resolution and brief discussion followed. J. Davie noted that the point of this resolution is not to underpay but give flexibility. Vote was taken; 19 for, 2 opposed, 0 abstained.

**12. Old Business**

None

**13. New Business**

C. Hatziadoniu suggested that an additional meeting be scheduled to discuss the potential change in the reporting line of the School of Medicine.

**14. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned.