

2014-2015 GRADUATE COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

April 2, 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, Bryan Crow, Judith Davie, Wayne Glass, Boyd Goodson, Reza Habib, Constantine Hatziaodoniu, Eric Lenz, Jamie McNutt, Grant Miller, Prema Narayan, Natalie Nash, Clayton Nielson, Cinzia Padovani, Andrew Pardieck, Julie Partridge, Corné Prozesky Silvia Secchi, Cynthia Sims, Ratna Sinha, Jeremiah Unkefer (GPSC), Tomas Velasco, Alison Watts

Members Absent: David Conrad, Michael Eichholz

Proxies: Willie Lyles for Sarah Curtis, John Flowers for Kevin Taylor

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

Guests: Andy Wang, Dean, College of Applied Sciences and Arts; Sam Chung, Director, School of Information Systems and Applied Technology; Scott Collins, Professor, School of Allied Health; Walter Wendler, Director, School of Architecture; Rachel Stocking, Associate Professor, History; Jennifer Smith, Associate Professor, Languages, Cultures, International Trade; Lourdes Albuixech, Associate Professor, Languages, Cultures, International Trade

1. Minutes

J. Davie asked for concerns and considerations of the March 12, 2015 Graduate Council minutes. Revisions were noted on page 1 under Provost Ford's and Allen's remarks. A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes with revisions. Minutes approved with revisions.

2. Remarks – President/Acting Chancellor Dunn

Dunn started by talking about the budget noting that all state agencies were notified that they would have to give up 2.25% of their general fund revenue for FY15. Dunn added that this amount will not affect operations for the remainder of FY15. Dunn concluded by voicing his support of the new unit of instruction which is being presented at the Council meeting today.

3. Remarks – Provost Ford

Ford reported that on April 1, she and various others attended a workshop on data analysis which was presented by a team from University of Illinois. Ford added that plans are in place and are moving forward in regards to data analysis. Ford went on to report that the search for the Dean of the Graduate School is wrapping up and should go before the Board of Trustees for approval in April. Ford stated that the Registrar search is moving forward as well as the Dean of COLA. Ford stated that enrollment is looking good and added that housing contracts for new students have increased which is a firmer marker of students planning to come to SIU. Ford noted that housing contracts for continuing students have decreased.

B. Goodson asked if the decline in continuing student housing contracts is due to these students moving off campus. Provost Ford responded by saying that there is that possibility but the numbers of how many students move off campus tend to stay consistent from year to year and that percentage represents a fixed percentage of students expected to move in to their sophomore and junior years.

4. Remarks – Interim Vice Chancellor for Research & Graduate Dean Garvey

Garvey started by reviewing the application data of Graduate School and commented that it is believed that 2014 was an anomaly in terms of the number of applications that were received. Garvey continued by saying that when current application data is compared to 2013, which is more

indicative of past years, Master student applications are up. PhD applications are down. Garvey added that compared to last year, Master students admissions are down 8% and PhD admissions are down 12%. Garvey spoke about external funding by saying that is it still higher than it has been in the past couple of years. Garvey added that Governor Rauner's budget cuts have affected the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), which is an agency that provides funding with connections to industry. SIU received a letter from this agency informing them that effective March 31, expenditures from grants provided by DCEO will be suspended. Garvey stated that the number of people affected by this is still being determined.

5. Remarks – Associate Provost for Academic Programs Allen

Allen reported that it is Program Review and Accreditation season for Academic Year 2016 and added that there are 9 programs and centers that will be up for review and 14 programs under accreditation review.

A. Barnard asked if the summary reports from the program reviews are made public. According to Allen summary reports of the program reviews are released at the meeting of the Board of Trustees as a matter of public report and quality assurance.

6. Remarks – Council Chair Dr. Davie

Davie reported that the joint resolution with the Faculty Senate regarding the potential change in reporting lines for first professional schools is proceeding with their task and has been given the deadline of May 1, 2015 to submit their report to the Board of Trustees. Davie added that Graduate Council and Faculty Senate will also be discussing the definition of a credit hour as well as a prioritization metrics of programs.

7. Faculty Senate, Professor Lahiri

Lahiri reported that the main topic of discussion with the Faculty Senate has been the collaborative work with the Graduate Council regarding the potential change in reporting lines.

8. Deans Council – Dean Wilson

Wilson reported that the Deans have been discussing the upcoming budget cuts and how to manage those.

9. GPSC Report – Amanda Barnard

Barnard reported on four topics.

1) GPSC has been discussing several issues at recent meetings, including: student health insurance (which will be voted on at the April 16 BOT meeting), the professional school reporting lines issue, changes to parking enforcement on campus (GPSC members getting tickets for parking during our 7:30pm meetings) and the proposed budget cuts and their impact on GA funding.

2) Tuesday March 24 was SIU Lobby Day at the State Capital in Springfield. About 60 SIUC and SIUE students, including several from GPSC, went to the capital to meet with legislators and aides in the Governor's office concerning the proposed budget cuts. The idea was to tell personal stories of why specific services and programs at SIU are important to students, and to ask that budget cuts be reconsidered.

3) The Undergraduate Research Forum was on Monday April 6 and the Graduate Research Forum was on Tuesday April 7. The posters were open to the public in the Student Center Ballrooms between 1-3pm each day, with award ceremonies at 3pm. Come see the posters and support student research at SIUC.

4) GPSC nominations and elections are being held in April. At the May Graduate Council meeting I will announce the new executive officers and the new Graduate Council representatives for the 2015-16 school year.

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

Burnside took a moment to commend the GPSC and GA United on how well they presented and advocated the need for health insurance for graduate and undergraduate students to the Board of Trustees at the March meeting.

11. Standing Committee Reports

a. New Programs Committee Report – Professor Habib

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in Support of a Reasonable and Moderate Extension for the Department of Languages, Cultures, and International Trades within the College of Liberal Arts to Replace the Research Option with a comprehensive Exam and Rename the Master of Arts Degree from Foreign Languages and Literatures to Languages, Literatures, and Cultures.

R. Habib read the resolution for a second time. Resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in support of a Reasonable and Moderate Extension for the addition of an Accelerated MA in Foreign Languages and Literatures in the Department of Languages, Cultures, and International Trade within the College of Liberal Arts.

R. Habib read the resolution for a second time. Resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in Support of a New Unit of instruction (NUI) for the addition of an Interdisciplinary PhD in Applied Sciences and Arts.

R. Habib provided some background about the resolution and noted that this resolution was received last year by the 2013-2014 New Programs Committee. The 2013-2014 committee recommended that the resolution be revised and reintroduced. Habib stated that Dr. Walter Wendler would give a brief presentation about the proposed resolution.

J. Davie, Graduate Council Chair acknowledged Dr. Wendler as having the floor.

Dr. Wendler started by saying that this doctoral program is not unique and there are a small number of similar programs nationally. Wendler stated that the goal is to provide an educational opportunity to students who choose to do advanced study related to professional application in service delivery settings. Wendler added that the program is to remain small and be very selective of students in order to ensure that there are enough faculty to support their intellectual interests. Wendler continued by saying that there would only be two new courses created for this program and continued to present information in support of the PhD in Applied Sciences and Arts.

C. Anz read the resolution.

A. Watts presented five concerns regarding the proposal; 1) Not enough Faculty 2) Traditionally a two or four year program with a vocational degree 3) Where will a PhD in Applied Science get a job? 4) The majority of the proposal is five years old and needs updated 5) Faculty Association review.

J. Davie opened the floor for discussion; an hour long debate followed. Davie closed the floor for discussion of the resolution. The resolution will be read for the second time and voted on at the May meeting.

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in support of a New Unit of Instruction for the Addition of a Master of Health Administration in the School of Allied Health in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

R. Habib read the resolution for the first time. No discussion.

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in support of the Addition of an MS/MBA and the Elimination of the MA/MBA in the Colleges of Mass Communication and Media Arts & Business.

R. Habib read the resolution for the first time. No discussion.

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in support of the Addition of an Agribusiness Economics Concentration to the Online MBA degree in the College of Business.
R. Habib read the resolution for the first time. No discussion.

Resolution: Graduate Council Resolution in support of the addition of an Industrial and Quality Engineering Concentration to the PhD in Engineering Sciences.
R. Habib read the resolution for the first time. No discussion.

b. Education Policies Committee Report – Professor Carver

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

C. Hatziadoniu moved to table the resolution until the May meeting to ensure full representation of the Council. Seconded by J. McNutt. All in favor by voice vote.

c. Program Review Committee Report – Professor Miller

No report

d. Research Committee Report – Professor Eichholz

No report

12. Old Business

None

13. New Business

None

14. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.