

MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

May 8, 2008

Members and Administrative Officers Present:

Marcia Anderson; Thomas Britton; Ronald Browning; Ann Fletcher; Daniel Dyer; Ramesh Gupta; Eric Hellgren; Andrew Hofling; Scott Ishman; Mark Kittleson; John A. Koropchak; Elizabeth Klaver (Jeremy Wells); Jack Kremers; Leslie Lloyd; Pat Manfredi; Eileen Meehan; Scott McClurg (John Foster); Shelly McGrath (GPSC); Christian Moe; Manoj Mohanty; Nancy Mundschenk; Elyse Pineau; Donna Post; John Preece; Jacob Rose; Jonathan Remo; Karen Renzaglia; Don Rice; Prudence Rice; Spyros Tragoudas; Karl Williard; David Wilson; Tomasz Wiltowski; and Michael Young;

Vice Chancellor Koropchak called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. on May 8, 2008 and stated that being a member of the Graduate Council is one of the most important functions in the University. The activities of the Graduate Council are at the heart of research universities like Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

1. Introduction of New Members – Associate Dean Wilson

Associate Dean Wilson introduced the Graduate Council members for the academic year 2008-2009. Members with terms expiring in 2011 are: Mark Kittleson, Health Education and Recreation; Leslie Lloyd, Allied Health; Eileen Meehan, Radio/TV; Nancy Mundschenk, Education Psychology & Special Education; Elyse Pineau, Speech Communication; Jacob Rose, Accountancy; Tomasz Wiltowski, Mechanical Engineering. Members with terms expiring in 2009 and 2010 are: Ramesh Gupta, Andrew Hofling, Elizabeth Klaver, Jack Kremers, Donna Post, Karen Renzaglia, Karl Williard, Michael Young, Thomas Britton, Ronald Browning, Daniel Dyer, Ann Fletcher, Eric Hellgren, Scott Ishman, Scott McClurg, Pat Manfredi and Manoj Mohanty.

2. Election of Officers – Chair and Vice Chair – Vice Chancellor Koropchak

Vice Chancellor Koropchak asked for nominations for the position of Board Chair. A motion was made by Eric Hellgren to nominate Thomas Britton as Chair of the 2008-2009 Graduate Council and the motion was seconded by Andrew Hofling. There were no other nominations and the motion passed unanimously. The gavel was then passed from Vice Chancellor Koropchak to Prof. Britton to select the Vice Chair for the academic year 2008-2009. Chairman Britton thanked everyone for their confidence and stated he would try to live up to everyone's expectations.

Chairman Britton then called for nominations for Vice Chair. Andrew Hofling nominated Eric Hellgren as Vice Chair and seconded by Tomasz Wiltowski. As there were no other nominations, the motion passed unanimously to elect Eric Hellgren as Vice Chair.

Dean Wilson provided a list of the Graduate Council membership for 2008-2009 academic year. He asked that everyone review their information and email addresses and to please bring it to his attention if there are corrections to be made. The standing committee preference sheet was also provided to the committee members to return to him with their preference of committee(s) participation.

3. Adoption of Rules – Chairman Tom Britton

Chairman Britton proposed that we adopt the Roberts Rules of Order and asked for any objections or amendments; Eric Hellgren seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

4. Schedule of Meetings – Chairman Tom Britton

Chairman Britton announced that traditionally the meetings have begun at 8 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month during the academic year, except January when there is no meeting. He would like to have the meetings begin at 8:30 in the new academic year and added if this is a problem with a member, we will reconsider the 8:30 a.m. start time at the first meeting in the fall. Motion was made by Mark Kittleson and seconded by Manoj Mohanty; motion passed unanimously.

Prof. Britton also announced that he would like to have a topic for each meeting rather than reports from the various groups. There are several topics coming up in the new year that are important to SIUC. Two topics specifically mentioned were the topics of accreditation and enrollment. On the topic of enrollment, he would like to invite Victoria Valle and Brian Chapman to the meeting. He will communicate by email with the membership requesting other topics that the Council may want to address at future meetings.

5. Other Business.

Mark Kittleson asked for a quick overview of each of the standing committees was requested. Karen Renzaglia reported on the Research Committee; Pat Manfredi reported on the Educational Policies Committee, Andrew Hofling reported on the New Programs Committee and Tom Britton reported on the Program Review Committee.

As there was no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Reynolds
Recording Secretary