

MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
May 8, 2008

Members and Administrative Officers Present:

Marcia Anderson; Tom Britton; Sam Goldman; Ramesh Gupta; Eric Hellgren; Andrew Hofling; Scott Ishman; Maryon King; Elizabeth Klaver (Jeremy Wells); John A. Koropchak; Jack Kremers; Pat Manfredi; Scott McClurg (John Foster); Shelly McGrath (GPSC); John Mead; Christian Moe; Manoj Mohanty; Donna Post; John Preece; Jonathan Remo; Karen Renzaglia; Don Rice; Prudence Rice; Peggy Stockdale; Spyros Tragoudas; Karl Williard; David Wilson; and Michael Young;

Chairman Tragoudas called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. with a request for announcement of proxies. Associate Dean Wilson stated there are no proxies except for those who had already been announced at previous meetings. Chairman Tragoudas announced that President Poshard will not be in attendance today because he is in Springfield. He will come to meet with the Graduate Council in the new fiscal year.

1. Consideration of the minutes of the May 1, 2008 meeting.

There were no minutes available for review at this meeting.

2. Remarks – President Poshard

President Poshard was not available to meet because of commitments in Springfield.

3. Remarks – Chancellor Goldman

Chancellor Goldman announced that President Poshard is in Springfield. He and President Poshard have had several conference calls with other State of Illinois Chancellors and Presidents. Dr. Goldman stated it is very clear that President Poshard is the leader of that group and they look to him for guidance. He is the most knowledgeable of what is going on and has the most direct contact and relationship to the Governor and the leadership of the State. Everything right now is status quo. We have no official notification on the budget issues. There is speculation, but the Presidents and Chancellors are going to proceed with business as usual. President Poshard's other work is with respect to the Capital Bill. SIUC has \$160 million in that bill for construction. President Poshard and Dennis Hastert are working very hard on this and have met with the governor to express themselves on the need to pass this bill. We will keep everybody informed but everything is in limbo at the moment. In the meantime, we will keep submitting our vouchers to the state with the full intention that the state will pay them.

The enrollment picture at this time looks very positive. The arrow is pointed up but we will not know until actual people show up. There is a lot of effort going on with respect to enrollment. He added that everybody is a contributor in helping with the enrollment and follow-up is one of the biggest factors in recruitment. We are pushing very hard to make sure that we are following that carefully. A Strategic Enrollment Committee has been established headed by Victoria Valle to bring together all the people that are key to recruitment. This includes the financial aid people and Brian Chapman, who is heading up the President's work with respect to Community Colleges. The Strategic Enrollment Committee is charged with seeing that our enrollment is in good shape. He added that summer school is very important to us and our enrollment is down. We need to work hard to bring the summer enrollment up. I think a large part of the summer enrollment is graduate students. He asked that everyone get involved, check with your respective departments, faculty and chair and ask for numbers so that you will know about the enrollment in your department and if it is down -- ask "why?".

This year we are coming up for accreditation and this is very vital to us. The accreditation is being pulled together by the Provost's office. The visit will be March 23 – 29, 2009. We cannot afford to have any negativism in the accreditation program. One of the things I am concerned about is there are some individuals who don't speak as highly of us as they should. While they are certainly free to speak what they believe, we need to try to turn those people around... not to censure or block, but turn the negative into a positive. Each one of us is important to the accreditation process. The Accreditation Team will be looking everywhere. We will be working very carefully with you and others on the accreditation to make sure we do extremely well.

Chancellor Goldman announced that on May 16, he would be following in the tradition of Glenn Poshard [who was Elvis Presley last year], at the "Singing with the Stars" fundraiser for the Theater Department.

When asked about the plans for a permanent Provost for the Campus, Dr. Goldman responded that is on his list to discuss with the President and he hopes to have an answer very quickly.

4. Remarks – Interim Provost Rice

Provost Rice commented that a Committee has been working on the self-study for quite some time. Once it is pulled together, the document needs to be vetted broadly and then copies will be printed for North Central and we will have it on line as well. We will know in advance if the committee wants particular appointments with certain individuals. They have the flexibility to go anywhere they want to go and one of the things that we must make sure before they are here is that we know who they are and what they are doing. We must educate everyone about the process and in this regard, we will be having informational

workshops and sessions. He stated the Accreditation Team will be visiting on campus as well as one of our international sites – which he believes will be Singapore. He advised everyone that this is very comprehensive and to keep in mind that we cannot grant degrees if we lose our accreditation.

He advised that the interviews with candidates for the Dean of Mass Communications are completed and the committee is in the process of reviewing the comment sheets made by those who attended the candidates' presentations. We will have closure tomorrow on the interview portion for the search for a new honors director. We actually have two dean searches that could take place next year – one in the School of Law to replace Peter Alexander who will be stepping down next May and the one in Engineering for a permanent dean. The Law School has asked if they could wait until next year to begin the search process. A search committee has been created in the School of Engineering which may begin in early summer.

5. Announcements – Vice Chancellor Koropchak, Associate Vice Chancellor Rice, and Associate Deans Wilson & Mead

Remarks – Vice Chancellor Koropchak

Vice Chancellor Koropchak gave an update regarding the search for the first permanent Director for the Center for Cognitive and Neural Sciences. We have interviewed some excellent candidates and hope to complete that search shortly. The Graduate Council is the faculty body that has oversight over research issues related to graduate programming and research. It is an important function of the university and as this is the last meeting of the current council, I would like to thank all the members of the graduate council for a productive year and we look forward to working with the new council in the next academic year.

Remarks – Associate Vice Chancellor Rice

AVC Rice reported that she began working on a conflict of interest policy in 2002 that was developed and reviewed with the Graduate Council and Faculty Senate and passed around to the constituency groups. This policy has now gone through Legal Counsel review and is on its way to becoming Board Policy. The Research Misconduct Policy which began in 2004 has also gone through Legal Counsel review and is on its way to become Board Policy.

Remarks – Associate Dean Wilson

Dean Wilson reported that the motion passed concerning the fellowships, and is going through the approval process through the President's office. Once this is approved, we will treat this as a catalog change where students will be offered the option of accepting the fellowship as it was offered or

accepting the fellowship in the new form with a service. We will send a letter to all fellowship holders giving them the option.

Dr. Gupta stated there is a problem with admissions paperwork regarding loss of paperwork for incoming transfer students and by the time we make the initial offer, it is often two or three months before paperwork is approved. Dr. Wilson stated we do have an understaffing problem this year. In addition, the BANNER training for admissions officers is taking up 50% of their time. We have authorized overtime, working on Saturdays, and working in the evenings until 8 p.m. The Admissions Staff has been cooperating and are doing as much as they can. We recognize there is a problem and have gotten through much of the backlog.

Remarks – Associate Dean Mead

Associate Dean Mead remarked that SIUC is one of the institutions most closely associated with the Future Gen Project. He reported that yesterday the Department of Energy issued an announcement of a revised FutureGen. The State of Illinois is vigorously opposed to this. Senator Durbin will be a part of the Energy and Public Works hearing today where the Secretary of Energy will be questioned. We are working with the State to make sure that the research component of whatever comes out of this is foremost centered in Illinois.

6. Faculty Senate - Professor Stockdale

No report.

7. Announcements – Professor Tragoudas

No report.

8. Nominations to Committees – Professor Colwell

Prof. Colwell thanked those who agreed to serve on committees this year and recognized Judy Droulet, Eric Hellgren, Mary Bell Keim, Cameron DeStapholos, Michael Young, Spyros Tragoudas, Julie Hernandez, Tom McPeck, Ann Dyer, Ann Fletcher, Shelly McGrath, Tom Alexander, Tom Britton, and Karen Renzaglia. He added he was very grateful for their support.

9. GPSC Report – Shelly McGrath

No report.

10. Report of Programs Committee – Professor Hofling

Professor Hofling introduced two resolutions at the last meeting which will be voted upon at this meeting. He read the following resolutions.

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS

RATIONALE: This interdisciplinary program for a Master of Science in Mathematics and Science Education is designed to offer advanced training in mathematics and science education for elementary and middle school teachers. It is designed specifically for in-service teachers seeking to improve their subject education. This is a non-thesis program. This program will be fully funded for the first three years by the Illinois Mathematics and Science Partnership (IMSP) Grant and additional IMSP and NSF funding is expected beyond the three year period. If the program is not able to be self-supporting, it will be discontinued. The new courses required for this program have been approved at the departmental level. This program is consistent with the mission of SIUC and is supported by the Dean of the College of Education and Human Services, the Dean of Library Affairs and the Dean of College of Science.

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the establishment of a new Master of Science in Mathematics and Science Education jointly housed in the College of Education and Human Services and the College of Science.

Prof. Tragoudas called the question. The resolution was approved in a voice vote.

RATIONALE: The purpose of a new concentration in Collaborative Piano for Piano majors in the Master of Music degree program in the school of Music or the College of Liberal Arts is to train more qualified accompanists who are in great demand. It is expected that this concentration would attract new students and would not require significant new resources. All required courses are already offered.

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the establishment of a new concentration in Collaborative Piano for the Master of Music degree in the School of Music of the College of Liberal Arts.

Prof. Tragoudas called the question. The resolution was approved in a voice vote.

11. Report of Research Committee – Professor Renzaglia

Thanked members of the committee, Eric Hellgren, Scott Ishman, Ron Browning, and Ramesh Gupta, for their hard work this year.

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS

RATIONALE: Researchers at SIUC who conduct stem cell research must be provided with institutional guidelines and a sound policy to ensure high ethical standards are met. Through input from stem cell researchers at SIUC, a policy was adopted and adapted from a similar policy at the University of Connecticut with permission from the Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School.

The Policy on Stem Cell Research was unanimously approved by an Interim Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight (ESCRO) Committee in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for Research and the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research on June 12, 2007.

The ESCRO committee ultimately will be responsible for all stem cell research oversight for SIUC and SIU School of Medicine. The SUC Policy on Stem Cell Research establishes standards that are in line with existing policies and oversight committees. This policy will ensure that Research is well-justified and well-conceived thereby protecting the reputation of SIUC and facilitating collaborations among researchers across institutions.

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the recommendation of the Research Committee of the Graduate Council that the SIUC Policy on STEM Cell Research be approved.

Prof. Tragoudas called the question. The resolution was approved in a voice vote

RATIONALE: Whereas, lab animal users and Laboratory Animal Program (LAP, Vivarium) agree that 50% target for cost sharing LAP operating costs is fair and reasonable, and

Whereas, in fiscal year 07 users provided approximately 43% of the LAP operating costs, and

Whereas, operation of the LAP is subject to increasing costs due to inflation and other factors, and

Whereas, the scheduled increases in animal care costs place unexpected burdens on researchers.

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the recommendation of the Research Committee of the Graduate Council that annual increases in animal care per diems be commensurate with inflationary levels and the 50% cost share target as estimated by the most recent operational cost date provided to users.

Prof. Tragoudas called the question. The resolution was approved in a voice vote.

RATIONALE: Whereas, there are seven central Research Support Facilities at SIUC, namely the Central Research Shop, DNA Sequencing Facility, Genomics & Robotics Services, IMAGE, Laboratory Animal Program, Mass Spectrometry Facility and NMR Facility, and

Whereas, these units are designed to meet the ever changing needs of researchers, and

Whereas, a regular assessment of resources and support staff at each facility is necessary to evaluate if researchers are adequately served, and

Whereas, the last formal review of the research facilities was conducted in 1999.

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the recommendation of the Research Committee of the Graduate Council that the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research oversees reviews of the Research Support Facilities on the same evaluation cycle as all programs on campus. These reviews will be internal unless concerns warrant subsequent external review.

Discussion: Vice Chancellor Koropchak stated that the DNA Sequencing Facility and the Genomics & Robotics Service are managed by the College of Agriculture and not the Vice Chancellor for Research. VCR Koropchak recommended that the resolution be modified to delete those two research laboratories.

Prof. Tragoudas called the question. The resolution was amended to remove the DNA Sequencing Facility and the Genomics & Robotics Services; resolution was approved in a voice vote.

12. Report of Program Review Committee – Professor Anderson

Announced the summary reports and program reviews are in the processing of being put on the Graduate Council website. She thanked the members of the committee for their work this year and encouraged new members to get involved with the Program Review.

13. Report of Ed. Policies Committee – Professor Manfredi

Professor Manfredi thanked members of the Committee for their hard work and dedication this year.

14. Old Business: No items to report.

15. New Business:

Prof. Colwell read the following resolution.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, Spyros Tragoudas has served as Graduate Council Chair in 2007-2008, and also having served as Vice Chair of the previous council, and

Whereas, he is well respected in graduate area and research in the various university constituencies, and

Whereas, he has provided valuable service to the Graduate Council by his wisdom, and

Whereas, he has participated actively in discussions on the future direction of graduate education and research, therefore

Be it resolved that,

The Graduate Council representing the Graduate Faculty expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to **Spyros Tragoudas** for his unique contributions to the Graduate Council.

Prof. Tragoudas presented the following resolution of appreciation to Prof. Colwell:

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, Brad Colwell has served as vice chair for the academic year 2007-2008 and also served as Chair and vice chair of previous councils, and

Whereas, he is well respected in the graduate area and research in the various university constituencies, and

Whereas, he has provided valuable service to the Graduate Council by his direction, wisdom and resourcefulness, and

Whereas, he has accomplished all of the above with composure and style, therefore

Be it resolved that,

the Graduate Council representing the Graduate Faculty expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to **Brad Colwell** for his excellent leadership to the Graduate Council.

Certificates of Appreciation

Prof. Tragoudas presented certificates of appreciation to the outgoing council members in recognition of their service to the Graduate Council. Certificates were given to: Marcia Anderson; Claudia Torres-Ombres; Alejandro Strong; Jonathan Remo; Shelly McGrath; Janet Mayher, Allison Marx, Spyros Tragoudas, John Preece; Maryon King; Scott Gilbert; and Brad Colwell.

There being no further business to bring before the Council, Prof. Tragoudas adjourned the meeting at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Donna L. Reynolds
Recording Secretary