

## MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

May 5, 2009

### **Members and Administrative Officers Present:**

Sara Baer; Thomas Britton; Ronald Browning; Judith Davie; Daniel Dyer; Ann Fletcher; John Groninger; Eric Hellgren; Holly Hurlburt; Scott Ishman (Steve Esling); Kimberly Kempf-Leonard; Mark Kittleson; John A. Koropchak; Leslie Lloyd; Pat Manfredi; Eileen Meehan; Christian Moe; Manoj Mohanty; Nancy Mundschenk; Ryan Netzley; David Wilson; Keith Waugh, Tomasz Wiltowski; and Bryan Young;

### **Members and Administrative Officers Absent**

John Dobbins, Don Rice, Sam Goldman

VCR Koropchak called the meeting of the 2009-2010 Graduate Council to order at 9:10 a.m. on May 5, 2009 and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 1. Introduction of New Members – Associate Dean Wilson

Associate Dean Wilson introduced the Graduate Council members for the academic year 2009-2010. New members whose terms will expire in 2012 are Dr. Sara Baer, Dr. Judith Davie, Dr. John Dobbins, Dr. John Groninger, Dr. Holly Hurlburt, Dr. Kimberly Kempf-Leonard, Dr. Ryan Netzley and Dr. Keith Waugh.

Members with terms expiring in 2011 are Dr. Mark Kittleson, Dr. Leslie Lloyd; Dr. Eileen Meehan; Dr. Nancy Mundschenk; Dr. Elyse Pineau; Dr. Jacob Rose; and Dr. Tomasz Wiltowski.

Members with terms expiring in 2010 are: Dr. Ramesh Gupta, Dr. Andrew Hofling, Dr. Elizabeth Klaver, Dr. Jack Kremers, Dr. Donna Post, Dr. Karen Renzaglia, Dr. Karl Williard, Dr. Michael Young, Dr. Thomas Britton, Dr. Ronald Browning, Dr. Daniel Dyer, Dr. Ann Fletcher, Dr. Eric Hellgren, Dr. Scott Ishman, Dr. Scott McClurg, Dr. Pat Manfredi and Dr. Manoj Mohanty.

VCR Koropchak welcomed new and continuing members stating one of the enjoyable parts of his position is the opportunity to work with the Graduate Council. The Graduate Council is a thoughtful, deliberative and effective faculty body and added he looks forward to another year coming up. During the summer, the Executive Committee will meet and begin to formulate an agenda of items that appear to be on the horizon. We will also begin to formulate committees during the summer as well.

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

Vice Chancellor Koropchak asked for nominations for the position of Council Chair. A motion was made by Prof. Mundschenk nominating Prof. Hellgren as Chair of the 2009-2010 Graduate Council and the motion was seconded by Prof. Mohanty. There were no other nominations and the motion passed unanimously. The gavel was then passed from VCR Koropchak to Prof. Hellgren.

As first order of business, Chairman Hellgren called for nominations for Vice Chair. Prof. Manfredi nominated Prof. Mundschenk as Vice Chair; motion was seconded by Prof. Browning. There were no other nominations and the motion passed unanimously.

Dean Wilson provided a list of the Graduate Council membership for the 2010 academic year and asked each person to review their information and to please bring corrections to his attention so the list can be updated. The standing committee preference sheet was also provided to the committee members. He asked members to return this to him with their preference of committee(s) participation.

3. Adoption of Rules – Chairman Eric Hellgren

Chairman Hellgren moved that we adopt the Roberts Rules of Order; motion was seconded by Prof. Britton and passed unanimously.

Chairman Hellgren reminded the members to choose the committee on which he/she would like to serve and return the forms to Dr. Wilson.

4. Schedule of Meetings – Chairman Eric Hellgren

Chairman Hellgren stated that the meetings for 2009-2010 Council will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month beginning on September 3 at 8 a.m. The Executive Committee will meet this week. He will continue the process of having meetings concentrate on topics of interest. Some topics for discussion in the coming year will be the faculty awards program; the library serials issue; the open access policy; the 5-10-15 rule and research shops review. There may be other topics.

5. Other Business

Prof. Kittleson commented on the Chancellor's statement as to what would happen if we don't get funding or have a massive cut. He feels that the Graduate Council should be more proactive than reactive and serve in some capacity such as an advisory role as to how to maintain sustainability when funding isn't available. Prof. Britton stated the council should think of some

general principles that would involve program reviews, but in his opinion, going beyond that may be problematic. Prof. Britton commented that the thoughts and ideas on the topic of signature programs developed by the Education Committee may be looked at again for ideas.

Dr. Koropchak stated that the Faculty Senate meets in the summer and the Graduate Council does not. This has created some challenges for the Graduate Council, particularly implementing new programs, which sometimes build up during the end of the academic year. The Graduate Council has occasionally met when there were unique circumstances such as those in the late 90's or early 2000. He stated it would be helpful if the Graduate Council would meet once during the summer. Prof. Mundschenk stated that program reviews typically begin in August so if we're doing a more traditional internal and external review, it may be helpful to have activities in place over the summer so that we can start in the fall.

Prof. Mohanty made a motion that the Graduate Council meet on July 9, 2009; motion seconded by Prof. Lloyd; motion passed. The next meeting will be on July 9, 2009 and the time of the meeting will be determined and notifications will be sent.

Prof. Baer asked for a brief description of each committee and what they do. Committee chairs provided that information.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before the Council the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Donna L. Reynolds  
Recording Secretary