

Minutes of the Graduate Council
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
December 9, 2010

Members and Administrative Officers:

Present: Gary Apgar, Sara Baer, David Carlson, Rita Cheng, Judith Davie, John Dobbins, Claudette Henderson (GPSC), Nicholas Hoffman (GPSC), Jody Huggenvik, Holly Hurlburt, Scott Ishman, Kimberly Kempf-Leonard, Mark Kittleson, John A. Koropchak, Leslie Lloyd, Shauna MacDonald (GPSC), Matthew McCarroll, Paul McGreal (Chris Behan), John Mead, Jay Means, Eileen Meehan (Ryan Netzley), Manoj Mohanty, Nancy Mundschenk, Ryan Netzley, Mark Peterson (Ed O'Donnell), Elyse Pineau, Ratna Sinha, Keith Waugh (Shane Koch), David Wilson, Tomasz Wiltowski and Bryan Young.

Absent: Najjar Abdul-Musawwir, Amer AbuGhazaleh, Michelle Hook Dewey (GPSC), Susan Ford, Joe Moore (GPSC), Don Rice, Prudence Rice, Pamela Smoot and Matthew Whiles.

In Attendance: Peter Chametzky, Director, School of Art and Design and Tina M. Price, Recording Secretary

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am by Chair Mundschenk in the Mississippi Room of the Student Center located at 11255 Lincoln Drive, Carbondale, Illinois.

Hearing no objections, the Chair suspended the rules and the Agenda was taken out of order.

Agenda item #5:

Announcements

Chair Mundschenk

A Memorial Service for Dr. Dan Dyer was scheduled from 5:00-6:00 pm on Friday, December 4, 2010. Dr. Dyer was a faculty member in Chemistry and Biochemistry, and a member of the Graduate Council. Condolences on behalf of the Graduate Council will be conveyed to the family.

There were no further discussions under Announcements.

Agenda item #15:

New Business

Resolution: The Resolution in Recognition of the Service of Don S. Rice was read by the Chair:

Reading of the Resolution

Whereas, Don S. Rice has devoted his professional career as teacher, scholar, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor to the development and enhancement of undergraduate education and research at SIUC; and

Whereas, he has supported and strengthened collegiality and consultation as defining characteristics of academic decision making at SIUC; and

Whereas, his administration as Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor has been open and attentive to the concerns of the Graduate Faculty and the Graduate Council;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council, representing the Graduate Faculty, expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Don S. Rice for his leadership.”

Motion: Motion moved by the Chair that the resolution be accepted. Motion carried.

Resolution: Resolution in Recognition of the Service of Mark J. Kittleson was read by the Chair:

Reading of the Resolution

Whereas, Mark Kittleson has served on the Graduate Council from the 1999-2010 academic years, and again for the 2008 and 2010 academic years; and

Whereas, he has well represented graduate education and research for the various university constituencies for many years; and

Whereas, he has provided valuable service to the Graduate Council by serving on the education policy and program review standing committees during the 1999-2002 and chairing the Program Review Committee in 2008-2010; and

Whereas, he has participated 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 Mark J. Kittleson for his unique contributions to the Graduate Council.

Motion: Motion moved by the Chair that the Resolution be accepted. Motion carried.

There were no further discussions under New Business.

Announcement of Proxies by Associate Dean David Wilson:

Chris Behan for Paul McGreal; Shane Koch for Keith Waugh; Ed O’Donnell for Mark Peterson; Ryan Netzley for Eileen Meehan.

1. **Consideration of the Minutes**

Motion moved by the Chair to accept the Minutes of the November 4, 2010, meeting of the Graduate Council. Motion carried.

2. **Remarks—Chancellor Rita Cheng**

The Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for December 8, 2010, 9:00 am-12:00 noon in the SIU Carbondale Student Center Ballroom planned discussions of the following agenda items:

- Demolition of McAndrew Stadium and bricks from the site being made available for purchase by alumni/alumnae of SIU Carbondale
- Presentation regarding replacing the two-story parking structure and plans for parking for the new Student Services Building
- Off-Campus and Distance Education Tuition Policies
- Legacy Tuition Proposal for Children of Alumni/alumnae
- Easements at the Farm
- Proposal by the Foundation for a new alumni building on the McAndrew Stadium Site.

The Engineering and Liberal Arts Dean searches are in good hands and are underway. Thank you to the Dean Search Committee Members.

The reorganization of Student Affairs, Enrollment Management, Saluki First Year, International Programs and Services, the Dean of Students and Multi-Cultural Programming was intended to breakdown silos, and realign areas to get people working more closely together. The program will be monitored very closely to assure the best fit for all the programs.

On the budget side, there will be a lame duck session called the first week of January before the swearing in of the Governor. There is a three-prong plan to include:

- i. Revenue enhancement, which will be a tax increase;
- ii. Debt refinancing on the \$14 Billion over 15 years and to be paid back with the tax increase revenue. Designed to pay off some of the pension debt, give universities cash for Fiscal 2011, help with Medicaid and some of the critical areas in the state budget;
- iii. A proposed budget cut for Fiscal 2012.

A steering committee meeting scheduled for Friday, December 10 will discuss launching strategic plans on campus. The group was charged with assembling data to share with the campus in order to track where we are relative to plans made back in the early 2000's. Dr. Koropchak will participate in the process for a Research and Graduate School link to the planning.

There is a new Procurement Law that will impact principle investigators (PI) and graduate students who may be involved in research activities. There will be audits and reporting requirements for all persons engaged in any purchasing activity outside of P-card activity. An office space will be created for a purchasing monitor.

3. **Announcements**

Vice Chancellor for Research John A. Koropchak

The Grants and contracts final data for Fiscal Year 2010 are available. The tally indicates we have reached the level of \$78.45 Million, an all-time high for the campus. The grant level exceeded FY 2009 by \$9.25 Million, approximately 15%.

The Research levels were \$40.7 Million, an all-time high, 16% higher than the previous fiscal year. The Federal level was \$31.8 Million, 26% ahead of the previous fiscal year.

Largely fueled by the stimulus bill, there was an 18% increase in NIH funds, 49% in NSF funds, and the Department of Energy funding nearly doubled. A press release is planned.

Regarding the Stimulus Bill, there were a total of 38 undergraduate students supported last fiscal year, which connects with the overall vision or climate for the campus.

Five months into FY 2011, we are holding at \$0.5 Million ahead of last fiscal year, or \$42.6 Million as of November 2010.

The Council of Graduate Schools National Meeting was held last week (December 1-4). Presenter Martin Walker discussed world-wide population demographics and growth in the near future as well as several decades ahead; discussion ideas that may help shape SIUC's recruiting. Presenter Alan Alda discussed the Center for Communicating Science at Stony Brook University, NY, and their work with graduate and post doctoral students on improvisational techniques to enhance people's ability to communicate science. The next workshop in the summer presents an opportunity for the university to participate and help change the way ideas and results are communicated at the campus.

Associate Dean David L. Wilson

The Council of Graduate Schools National Meeting held a session on Distance Education and Distance Learning. The North Central groups of the Higher Learning Commission currently require, individually, approval of every program that goes online. The Southern group has gone one step further by requiring that all faculty involved in distance education must certify every year that they have received appropriate training to deliver online education.

Chancellor Cheng stated that institutions such as SIU Carbondale will be well served with this type of oversight. North Central has always had a concern that the experience of a student needs to be at the same quality as that in our classrooms. So, the assessments that we have in place for student outcomes and the centralized support structures assure that students have access to the appropriate technology, and will be very important for the campus' development.

Paul McGreal was identified as a member of the Distance Education Planning Committee.

Associate Dean John S. Mead

A working group of faculty members from the Colleges of Science, Engineering, Liberal Arts and Agriculture have been meeting over the semester to discuss ideas on how to enhance a broader base of energy research and teaching across the campus. Ideas have been developed to establish a coordinating organization to enhance this plan without the administrative expense of another new center or an RME. These are now under discussion by the administration.

4. **(Taken Out of Order) Announcements—Professor Mundschenk**

See *Announcements* on Page 1.

5. **Faculty Senate—Professor Gary Apgar**

The Faculty Senate has now seated five new members for the Judicial Review Board (JRB); Daren Callahan, Jon Davey, Alice Noble-Allgire, Kounosuke Watabe and Karl Williard. There is a proposal for a resolution to name the chair and co-chair of that committee. On Tuesday, December 14, representatives are to report resolutions on the Overload Modifications suggested by the Faculty and Task Force Committee as well as suggestions from the Distance Education Steering Committee.

6. **Report from CPBAC—Professor Ishman**

Professor Kittleson and Chancellor Cheng attended the meeting and provided a report to the Graduate Council.

The results of the meeting involved the formation of a committee to look at ways of bringing more entertainment and acts into southern Illinois, specifically, the Arena. Professor Ishman was appointed to the new committee.

Additional topics of discussion:

- Examination of the 2003 and 2005 Efficiency Reports in subcommittees to look at the status report on where progress has been made on those recommendations.
- Recommendations that might come forward as to whether or not it makes sense in this new environment.
- Looking at more centralized and coordinated supports across the campus in Accounting, Human Resources and IT.

7. **Nominations to Committees—Professor Ishman**

No report.

8. **GPSC Report-Shauna MacDonald**

The committee is gearing up for Spring semester discussions on fee proposals.

9. **Report of Research Committee—Professor Baer**

The committee looked at other universities with respect to whether or not they have ranks beyond full professor in order to recognize sustained productivity. A total of twenty-two (22) universities were selected for review including Illinois universities, peer institutions close to us in the NSF rankings based on research expenditures, and IPEDS report peers. Within that list, it was uncommon to have ranks beyond full professors, but that does not mean that there are not other kinds of rewards for research and scholarly activities at these and other similar universities. Discussions will be continued.

The committee planned to look at the Operating Paper.

10. **Report of New Programs Committee—Professor Hurlburt**

Vote: Resolution in Support of the PhD Program in Criminology and Criminal Justice was read by the Professor Hurlburt:

Reading of the Resolution

RATIONALE

Whereas, the Department of Criminology has proposed adding a Ph.D. program; and

Whereas, their proposal makes manifest the rapidly rising demand for qualified university professors in Criminology and Criminal Justice nationwide, and documents a lack of doctoral programs to train said professors. Such a program is in especially high demand in Illinois, whose population is served only by the existing Ph.D. in Criminology at the University of Illinois Chicago. Students trained in the proposed program would be capable of filling not only professorial positions, but also research and intelligence positions within agencies of the criminal justice system; and

Whereas, the addition of a doctoral program will benefit the department and university. It will raise the research profile of the existing program and aid in retention and future recruitment of young faculty. It will benefit the university as a whole with its interdisciplinary nature and high potential for student recruitment as the department anticipates enrollment of up to 14 new students in its first three years, with further growth thereafter. The strength of faculty in the areas of race, gender and criminal justice further suggest that the program may be attractive to women and minorities; and

Whereas, all the necessary courses and faculty are already in place, and the proposed addition requires no immediate new expenditures;

RESOLUTION

Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the creation of a doctoral program in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

A brief discussion ensued after which there were no questions from the Graduate Council members.

Motion: The motion was moved by the Chair that the Resolution be accepted. Motion carried.

Graduate Council Resolution in Support of the Proposed M.A. in Art History and Visual Culture was read Professor Hurlburt.

Reading of the Resolution

RATIONALE

Whereas, the School of Art and Design has proposed adding an M.A. in Art History and Visual Culture; and

Whereas, this program would provide interdisciplinary career preparation in a variety of fields including education, curatorial and gallery work, and provide students with funded teaching positions for which no new assistantship monies will be required; and

Whereas, this program would fill a regional lacuna in Art History programs and aid in the recruitment and retention of faculty without immediate added cost to the university;

RESOLUTION

Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the creation of a M.A. program in Art History and Visual Culture.

In response to concerns from the New Programs Committee regarding the loss of one art history assistant professor, Dr. Chemetsky stated that the MA was formulated as an interdisciplinary program in visual culture and art history with enough flexibility where small issues in faculty turnover would not be critical. The program would draw upon colleagues in anthropology, psychology, mass communication and media arts, which have PhD historians.

In response to questions regarding the 2005 donation to establish the \$780,000 endowment, Dr. Chemetsky stated that the donor's idea was a movement toward a graduate program in art history and visual culture, and this move forward may encourage growth of the endowment level.

After a brief discussion regarding collaboration and the interdisciplinary strength of the M.A. in Art History and Visual Culture, a vote on the Resolution was planned for the February 4, 2011 meeting of the Graduate Council.

11. **Report of Program Review Committee—Professor Kittleson**

The program review process is ongoing, with many groups having had internal audits. Final reports should be completed by February, 2011.

12. **Report of Education Policies Committee—Professor Ford**

Professor Netzley reported that the Operating Paper was reviewed and edited. The Chair encouraged the council members to review the Operating Paper and offer any suggested changes they deemed appropriate.

13. **Old Business:**

The Graduate Council membership received a copy of the Chair's summary of the Graduate Council comments regarding the Overload Policy. The summary was forwarded to the Provost's

office via Susan Logue, Associate Provost, and had been requested as feedback, with no action to be taken.

14. **(Taken Out of Order) New Business:**

See New Business on Page 1.

Adjournment: February 3, 2011 and the Missouri and Kaskaskia Rooms of the Student Center were fixed as the time and place of the next regular meeting, and the December 9, 2010 meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Attachments:

Proposed MA in Art History Resolution

Comments regarding Proposed SIUC Overload Policy

Tina M. Price
Recording Secretary