

Minutes of the Graduate Council
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
May 5, 2011

Members and Administrative Officers:

Present: Najjar Abdul-Musawwir, Gary Apgar, Sara Baer, Carl Bloom (GPSC), David Carlson (Susan Tulis), Rita Cheng, Judith Davie (Peter Hardwicke), John Dobbins (Craig Anz), Susan Ford, Nicholas Hoffman (GPSC), Jody Huggenvik, Holly Hurlburt, Scott Ishman, Kimberly Kempf-Leonard, John A. Koropchak, Shauna MacDonald (GPSC), Matthew McCarroll, Paul McGreal, Jay Means, Eileen Meehan, Nancy Mundschenk, Ryan Netzley, Mark Peterson, Elyse Pineau, Joshua Potter (GPSC), Sharon Shrock, Ratna Sinha, Pamela Smoot, Keith Waugh, Matthew Whiles (Scott Ishman), David Wilson, and Bryan Young.

Absent: Amer AbuGhazaleh, Leslie Lloyd, and John Mead, Manoj Mohanty, Travis Pour (GPSC), Prudence Rice, Tomasz Wiltowski.

In Attendance: Dr. Joyce Fetro, Interim Chair, Health Education and Recreation, Dr. Sebastian C. Loh, Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction and Tina M. Price, Recording Secretary.

Proceedings:

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

Announcement of Proxies by Associate Dean David Wilson:

Susan Tulis for David Carlson, Craig Anz for John Dobbins, Peter Hardwicke for Judith Davie and Scott Ishman for Matthew Whiles during the last half of the meeting.

1. **Consideration of Minutes**

Dr. Netzley offered a summary of the “Proposed Withdrawal of Print Journals” which was added to the May 5, 2011, Minutes of the Graduate Council. The document addresses the printing of journals and on-campus space utilization to house the hard copies.

Hearing no further comments, corrections or edits to the Minutes, the Chair entertained a motion to accept the Minutes of the April 7, 2011 Meeting of the Graduate Council. Motion carried.

2. **Remarks—Chancellor Rita Cheng**

An announcement will be out early next week regarding the ongoing provost search. The College of Liberal Arts dean selection process is ongoing. We are hosting the third engineering dean candidate today and tomorrow. There will be opportunities to visit with the candidates.

A small group will be convened this afternoon to help with the selection of an interim dean for the College of Education. At the same time, the nomination process will begin with the start of a search and screen committee for a permanent dean launch in early fall.

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee met on May 4 to review the Lens Reports based on conversations across campus. Six different groups of individuals were asked ten questions, resulting in approximately sixty observations on which to look at the campus.

There are two major items on the agenda of the Board of Trustees meeting Thursday, May 12 meeting:

- a) Setting of Tuition and Fees; reduced to 6.9% for next fall.
- b) The Fee Structure; an overall 2.1% increase.

Applications and admissions for undergraduates are up by 12-13%. Freshmen enrollments are up 22%. There is a lag in transfer enrollments. We have not been able to complete the yield process in getting students enrolled. All financial packages were sent out on Friday, and individual calls being made at the college level as well as in the admissions office. So, every student is being contacted.

There was a decrease in enrollment for continuing education students; 2,400 have not registered for fall. Lists are being sent to individual deans asking them to work with their faculty; half of those are in COLA. It is important to have a concerted effort to remind students to register for classes.

On the graduate side, we are seeing applications and admissions softened a bit, particularly at the PhD level.

The Alumni Board met last weekend, and the Foundation Board will be coming in Friday and Saturday. These are good conversations and people who want to help and support us. A lot of our information and successes will be provided, and a copy of our research insert.

There are two options as a result of the Course Management System decision process:

- a) An enhanced and very different Blackboard product, or
- b) A product by Desire to Learn.

They are very competitive and have different features. If you have an opportunity to engage, it would be very valuable input for that decision.

We have moved forward in inputting the feedback on education; Susan Logue has incorporated input from the campus.

We will be addressing our IT and leadership, including smart classrooms, wireless across the campus and buildings, and more broadband across the campus.

The Town Hall Meeting scheduled on May 6 at 11:30 a.m. in the Student Center Auditorium is intended to view our accomplishments, to clarify our budget and financial situation and to dispel rumors.

3. **Announcements**

Vice Chancellor for Research John A. Koropchak

- Grants and contracts at end of April were at \$62 Million; ahead of last year's record pace.
- Recent articles in the Southern Illinoisan are a testament to the great work and many kinds of things being done by those across all disciplines on campus, things that impact the campus, and positively impact the region:
 - i. Cereal Springs Middle School students winning a \$20,000 Disney Planet Challenge Grant for their ecology work on the Cache River. Juliette Donatelli, a resident scientist at the Cereal Springs Middle School is also a student of Dr. Karen Renzaglia, the Principle Investigator (PI) on the grant.
 - ii. "SIUC Research, a Shining Light in Dark Times" editorial.
- A draft of the Strategic Alignment Report will be ready to share with the Graduate Council this fall.
- NCR revised their rankings of doctoral programs; a lot of errors occurred in data that was introduced last year. Those data will be distributed some time shortly.
- This year we are hosting the St. Louis Area Undergraduate Research Symposium (STLAURS) on Saturday, May 7, starting at 10:00 am at the Touch of Nature. The flyer is posted on the SIUC Graduate School webpage.
- Dr. Jesse Trushenski, Assistant Professor, Illinois Aquaculture Center, was selected for the Distinguished Service Award from the Fisheries Society of America.
- Dr. Paul Chugh, Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering, was selected as a Senior Fulbright Fellow to develop dust control in India.
- The Research Productivity Data has been collected and is being compiled.
- We are in the process of publishing the next issue of *Graduate Highlights*.

Associate Dean David L. Wilson

There are 16 Libyan students on campus who are fully funded by their government. The state department did agree to allow the third party agency in Canada to release the dollars to them for the spring. They now have a small amount available for the summer, and we are not sure where it will go. Three or four will graduate, but they have been admitted to PhD programs. If they have to register this summer to complete, the Graduate School could probably arrange to do something about the tuition, but the fees are real dollars.

The agency in Canada is working with the State Department to try to use some of the frozen funds to carry on the program. The rumors are false that they have to swear fealty

to the Khadafy regime. There are national groups that are working to try to resolve the issue.

There is a senior staff member from the Educational Testing Service on campus today doing a qualitative study. We are one of ten campuses they are visiting to figure out how universities use GRE data in determining first year fellowships, and how advisors work with those fellows over the course of that first year.

Chancellor Cheng added that the District Attorney Steven Whittington and his staff came down to campus and we met with community leaders, faculty, campus, and student leaders of the Muslim community around issues that could happen as a result of world events. Our chief of police and detectives worked closely with the leadership of that community. There are so many world events that can affect our students emotionally, financially and safety wise, and we are concerned about that.

Dr. Korpochak added, regarding the current data on applications and admits for the fall, that the Apply Yourself Program was implemented this spring as part of the Banner application. Student feedback indicated they were frustrated with the Banner application. There may have been duplications in last year's data. This may have affected the decline in applications due to that kind of impact, and the decline may not be a reality. As far as admissions are concerned, we are up about 3%. There has been a trend over the last decade of an increasing percentage of our graduate students who are PhD students. This year the applications for PhD students are a little bit down. There has been a decline at the Master's level in previous years, but that trend is reversing this year.

The Graduate Enrollment Working Group, which includes individuals from all the colleges, will be meeting next Monday to review those data in greater detail.

There were no further announcements.

4. **Announcements - Chair Nancy Mundschenk**

The Chair requested feedback from the Graduate Council members regarding the SIU System Consulting Policy. An April 25, 2011 Memorandum from Susan Logue, Associate Provost for Academic Administration was presented. Feedback must be submitted to the Associate Provost by May 15.

After brief discussions regarding the policy, the Chair advised the members to forward any questions and/or suggestions to be proposed.

5. **Faculty Senate—Professor Apgar**

The first yearly Faculty Senate meeting was held last Tuesday, May 3.

New executive council and committee officers include: William Recktenwald, President; Gary Apgar, Vice President; Jonathan Wiesen, Secretary; James Wall, Budget Committee

Chair; Kimberly Asner-Self, Committee on Committees Chair; Lisa Brooten and Sandra Collins, Faculty Status and Welfare Committee Co-Chairs; Gerald Spittler, Governance Committee Chair; Stephen Ebbs, the and, Undergraduate Education Policy Committee Chair, and will Co-Chair with Stephanie Graves in the spring.

John Jackson was invited to the first meeting and gave his perspective from having served on this campus in almost every level, including Faculty Senate.

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

Professor Ishman reported he is in the process of putting together a list of search committee nominees for an Information Technology CIO on campus.

7. **GPSC Report- Shauna MacDonald**

The new officers of the GPSC include Carl Bloom, President, Marnie Glazier, Vice-President for Administrative Affairs and Joshua Potter, Vice-President for Graduate School Affairs. Assistance is needed in spreading the word to graduate students about the college representative spots available on the GPSC.

8. **Provost Search Committee—Professor Ford**

No report.

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

There were brief discussions regarding the **Academic Achievement Incentive Award Resolution** carried over from the April 7 Meeting of the Graduate Council. Edits to the resolution included:

- a) The deletion of “**Whereas**, the absence of an academic incentive policy may serve as disincentive to...”
- b) Revision of the title to include the word “Achievement” instead of “Activity.”

Following the discussion, Professor Baer read the “resolves” of the revised Academic Achievement Incentive Award Resolution in its entirety.

There were concerns regarding the intent of the resolution and its impact on the current merit system. In response, the incentive was viewed as a small program and not broad-based enough to address the merit system. Additional responses discussed the potential for increased overall productivity of the campus, increased resources as a result of the productivity and the availability of funds from outside sources.

Hearing no objections or comments, the Chair entertained a motion to accept the Resolution. The motion was carried.

Report of New Programs Committee—Professor Hurlburt

a) There were three motions carried over from the April 7 Meeting of the Graduate Council. The reading covered the resolutions of each.

i. **RME for Elimination of Ecology Certificate in Plant Biology, and Creation of a Concentration in Ecology by the same department**

Hearing no objections or comments, the Chair entertained a motion to accept the Resolution. The motion was carried.

ii. **Support of RME for the Creation of a Concentration in Ecology by the Environmental Resources and Policy Ph.D. Program**

Hearing no objections or comments, the Chair entertained a motion to accept the Resolution. The motion was carried.

iii. **Support of RME for the Creation of a Concentration in Climatology by the Environmental Resources and Policy Ph.D. Program**

Hearing no objections or comments, the Chair entertained a motion to accept the Resolution. The motion was carried.

b) There were two new proposals before the Graduate Council.

i. **Support of RME for Non-Paper Option in MSED in Health Education**

After a brief discussion, the Chair motioned to suspend the rules to vote on the Resolution. The motion was carried.

Hearing no objections or comments, the Chair entertained a motion to accept the Resolution. The motion was carried. A motion was carried to renew the rules.

ii. **Support of RME for a M.S. Concentration in Learning Systems Design and Technology, College of Education and Human Services.**

There were brief discussions on issues surrounding the program and degree; namely, distance education, IBHE rules, verifying completion of degree requirements and the Graduate School status regarding of new program. These discussions included guests in attendance, Dr. Joyce Fetro and Dr. Sebastian C. Loh.

In response to a brief discussion of concerns about the practice of suspending rules on new proposals and the graduate faculty having an opportunity for full discussion, two things that may help were noted:

- a) Electronic submissions to the committees will help. It started this year.
- b) The website to monitor the progress of RMEs and NUIs (<http://pvcaa.siu.edu/forms.html>).

Hearing no further objections or comments, the Chair motioned to suspend the rules for a vote. The motion was carried.

After a reading of the Resolution, and hearing no further objections or comments, the Chair entertained a motion to accept the Resolution. The motion was carried. A motion to renew the rules was carried.

To the question of submission of summary reports by the various committees, the Chair advised that a report be given when the next board is seated.

10. **Report of Program Review Committee—Professor Leonard**

It was reported that there are 12 reviews planned for next year, with 7 being graduate programs. A list was circulated at the meeting for members to note their committee preference for the next year.

There was a brief discussion regarding the past years' program review process, and Dr. Jim Allen, Director of Assessment, plans for the review process over the next year.

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

No report.

12. **Old Business:**

No Report.

13. **New Business:**

There were brief discussions on the presentation by the Lipman Hearne marketing consultants and the directions for the SIU marketing plan. More information is expected from the firm this summer with an academic rollout this year.

Certificates of appreciation were distributed to the members completing their term this year with the Graduate Council. Leslie Lloyd, Eileen Mehan, Nancy Mundschenk, Mark Peterson, Elyse Pineau, Sharon Shrock, Tomasz Wiltowski, Bryan Young, Carl Bloom (GPSC), Nicholas Hoffman (GPSC), Shauna MacDonald (GPSC), Joshua Potter (GPSC) and Travis Pour (GPSC).

A Resolution of Congratulations for the Support of Scott Ishman was read by the Chair. Hearing no further comments, the Chair entertained a motion to accept the Resolution. The Motion was carried.

A Resolution to Express the Gratitude for the service of Nancy Mundschenk, Chair of the Graduate Council was read by Dr. Ishman. Motion entertained to accept the Resolution. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to bring before the council, the motion to adjourn was moved by the Chair and seconded. September 1, 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 May 5, 2011 meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Attachments:

Proposed Withdrawal of Print Journals, Memorandum dated August 24
SIU System Consulting Policy, Memorandum dated April 25, 2011
St. Louis Area Undergraduate Research Symposium (STLAURS)
SIU System Faculty External Research and Consulting Policy
Academic Achievement Incentive Award (Revised)
Graduate School Operating Paper levels 1 2 comments
RME for Non-Paper Option in MEd in Health Education
RME for a M.S. Concentration in Learning Systems Design and Technology,
College of Education and Human Services.

Tina M. Price
Recording Secretary