

Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Minutes of the Graduate Council
April 4, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the SIU Carbondale Graduate Council (GC) was held in the Kaskaskia and Missouri Rooms of the Student Center, Carbondale, Illinois, on April 4, 2013. Acting Chair Susan Ford called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Members in attendance: Najjar Abdul-Musawwir, Craig Anz, Christopher Behan, Ryan Ceresolo (GPSC), Scott Collins, Bryan Crow, Judith Davie, Carl Flowers (Ruth Anne Rehfeldt), Susan Ford (Ulrich Reichard), Reza Habib, Dale "Buck" Hale, Constantine Hatziaioniu, Kathy Hytten, Scott Ishman, Matthew Ryg (GPSC), Matthew McCarroll, Grant Miller, Manoj Mohanty, Nathan Rice (GPSC), Pamela Smoot, Brooke Talley (GPSC), Matthew Whiles (Eric Hellgren), and Andrew Youpa.

Announcement of Proxies: Ulrich Reichard for Susan Ford; and Eric Hellgren for Matthew Whiles.

Ex-Officio members in attendance: John Nicklow, Provost and Vice Chancellor; John A. Koropchak, Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean; Susan Rimmer, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research; Susan M. Ford, Associate Dean and Director of the Graduate School; Kimberly Kempf-Leonard, Dean's Council Representative.

Other attendees: James Allen, Associate Provost for Academic Programs; Wayne Glass, Director of OSPA; Ratna Sinha, Associate Director, Graduate School; Terry Clark, Faculty Senate Representative; Julie Champe; David Crain; Kimberly Kempf-Leonard, Dean's Council; Todd Headrick, Acting Chair, Lyle White, and Rhonda Kowalchuk, Educational Psychology & Special Education; Karla Berry, Director and Monrico Brown, Center for Teaching Excellence; and Tina M. Price, Recording Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Consideration for approval of the Minutes of March 7, 2013, moved to the May 2, 2013, meeting of the Graduate Council.

REMARKS

Chancellor Cheng

Provost John Nicklow presented the following remarks on behalf of Chancellor Cheng:

1. Compared to last year's figures, freshman enrollment up 68%; freshman eligible to enroll up 5.5%; freshman applications up 4%; and housing contracts up 26%.
2. There were 360 prospective students, plus family members at last Friday's Open House.
3. Applications to the graduate school down 8.3%, but admissions up 26%.
4. Law School application down 32% from last year; 12% decrease in admits.
5. The debate team won two national championships within one week; SIU is one of six universities to win both national titles in a single year.
6. New tablet initiative, Mobile Dawgs, receiving wide spread national attention; stories in Info Week, Network World, press on the Dell blog, and mentioned at the Microsoft Sector CIO Summit as leading the way.

7. Jesse Trushenski within the center for Fisheries Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences was featured in NPR
8. The Chicago Tribune carried a story on the documentary of Jen Thompson, Associate Professor in Radio/Television and Digital Media. The documentary will have its world premier in Chicago this weekend; stories of WWII prisoners of war veterans in the Philippines, which included her father.
9. There are improvements and upgrades underway to 61 classrooms and 6 teaching labs. Upgrades to research labs for FY14; Ag 145B, C and E; Ag 217, 225; Life Sciences II, rooms 6, 107 and 109. Recommendations submitted by the task force studying McLafferty Annex to the multi-disciplinary space are being reviewed by the Chancellor.
10. Opening of the Student Services Building is on track for the Fall.
11. Dedicated the newest addition to the athletic facilities; Lew Hartzog Track and Field Complex and the Connie Price-Smith Throws Area, the first building on campus named after an African American woman.
12. Upcoming events: April 10 Celebration of Campus Authors; April 14 Honors Day and the McNair Scholar celebration; April 16 Annual Research Town Hall Meeting; April 17 Strategic Plan Celebration and Launch; April 22-23 Learning Commission focus visit; April 24 Faculty/Staff Excellence Awards Celebration; April 29 Recognition Ceremony; May 10 Forever SIU commencement celebration in the Arena parking lot; May 11 Commencement.
13. Strategic Hires: Veteran Services Coordinator to be announced; Rodrigo Carramiñana, an associate professor at St. Augustine College in Chicago hired as the Director of the Center for Undergraduate Research starting July 1.
14. Budget preliminary indications are a 5% reduction in state appropriations for the next fiscal year. Pension crisis unresolved in the General Assembly.
15. Faculty and staff promotions will total \$3M in the next fiscal year; expect a reduction of \$74,000 in performance-based funding. In light of revenue and expenditure projections, the proposed 5% tuition increase is very important. The May 9 BOT meeting will be the first read.
16. The research publication will be distributed to all departments; *KNOW 2012 Research Report, Office of the Chancellor*.

There were brief discussions on the hiring freeze, hiring of staff and extra help on grant accounts and hiring approval procedures.

Provost Nicklow

1. Dr. Katie Sermersheim has been appointed to serve as the Interim Dean of Students. Dr. Peter Gitau has left SIU and accepted a position at Northern Kentucky University.
2. The search for the Dean of Media Arts has been cancelled due to small pool of qualified candidates.
3. Pilot on Banner Wait-listing capabilities is ongoing.
4. We are required to post text book information at the time registration opens. E-text books are encouraged to the extent possible. The university is negotiating with Pearson to package the core courses together to leverage price, and have them preloaded on the tablets.
5. We have had 5,000 visitors to this campus so far this year, compared to 4,500 the entire year last year; includes prospective students and their families.
6. Mickey Latour, Dean of Agriculture and Sciences, has been appointed as Special Assistant to the Provost for summer school. Issues to be addressed as the traditional model of students continues to decline; distance education of students for the summer, registration of students returning home for the summer; the new finance model to incentivize summer school, essentially, cost-recovery; and recommendations from the task force form.

There were discussion regarding distribution of syllabi, the HLC requirements, course descriptions and the memo sent out by the Provost's office on the topic.

Vice Chancellor Koropchak

At the end of March, grants and contracts totaled \$51M; \$10M less than the same time last year due to the lag of federal awards. Industry awards are up 40%. This is one area we need to explore in the future.

Admissions are up due to efforts of Dr. Ford in providing best practices information about timely admissions to all the departments.

A request published in the Federal Register on March 29 requested comments from principal investigators with federally funded research activities; specifically, "Those activities and institutional requirements that increase the investigator's administrative workload." Those wishing to respond may go to the NSF Policy Board website and do so no later than May 24.

There was a brief discussion of the list of activities scheduled for the 10th Annual Research Town Meeting; draft copies of the agenda were distributed to the council members. Dr. Rimmer interjected, stating that the registration date passed on Friday, but anyone wishing to participate should contact Debbie Fields.

The Undergraduate Research Forum takes place on Monday, April 8, in the student center ballrooms; public viewing of posters from 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm.

There was a brief discussion regarding actual dollar figures related to the 40% industry increase.

Associate Dean Ford

The fellowship deadline was moved forward based on the requirement that came forward from the GC a year ago. We are seeing a much higher acceptance rate of students accepting fellowships than in the past.

The graduate school has been doing workshops for students interested in going to graduate school; international, non-classified and undergraduate students. GPSC will run workshops on Research Day.

Recruiters who went to China have returned and do hope that it will net us applicants on both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Vice Chancellor Rimmer

Announcements on the Seed grants are expected to be out very soon.

Members of the GC were advised that there is a short-term staffing plan for the IMAGE department. Due to a shortage of researchers in this area across the nation, we are looking internally to keep it operational.

Associate Provost Allen

Programs requiring GC appointees coming up will include Geology, PSM, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, and Research Center.

Working with the Provost to oversee the task forces' ongoing collaboration, integration and search for redundancies; half are completed and include mining engineering, computer science, management, statistics and biological sciences. There have been healthy and lively conversations, and some with complex issues. There are genuine intentions of looking forward to the recommendation reports due at the end of the term. The interim reports will be used to determine the next steps.

Higher Learning Commission site team has interest in visiting with campus members specifically about the six areas of the policy report, and the strategic assessment and planning that will be part of their visit. Those members asked to attend some of the meetings will be given a report early next week to best assist in providing more information and to help provide answers that will be of use to them and be of long term use to us as well.

Karla Berry, Director and Monrico Brown of the Center for Teaching Excellence were introduced to provide a report of the office activities this year.

1. Two days of new graduate student orientation in August.
2. Workshop topics: I Don't Know If Your Students Get It; Addressing Writing Issues in the Classroom; Becoming a Philosopher of Your Own Education, Motivating and Staying Motivated in the Classroom, Bringing Research into the Classroom and E-Portfolio Training.
3. Special training for graduate students or particular groups. The Graduate Teaching Excellence was rolled into the Center for Teaching Excellence. The management of other teaching and learning technologies is offered, with work planned for the summer.
4. The new GA/TA orientation scheduled for August 14 and 15.
5. Program for Excellence in Teaching will be continued as a type of certificate, something that gives graduate students credentials for teaching as they go out looking for employment.

There are 10 workshops spanning 1-1.25 hours, roundtable discussions and faculty observations. A Micro Teaching Clinic was started last summer, where peers and faculty are there to observe.

Members of the GC were asked to provide any input to the program, whether faculty or student related.

Chair Ishman added that workshops facilitating the areas of distance education are informative and encouraged attendance by the GC members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Remarks and CPBAC Report by Chair Ishman

Sequestration has also impacted the university in several ways; includes military grants, air traffic controllers and the university enrollment.

The McLafferty Annex report has been submitted by the design team and is under review. Dean Achenbach, Committee Chair, will be asked to attend the next meeting to present the final report.

Resolution from the Executive Committee read by Chair Ishman:

Resolution

Resolution in Celebration of Graduate Student Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, graduate students at Southern Illinois University contribute greatly to the intellectual vibrancy and cutting edge currency of academic and scholarly discourse on campus; and

WHEREAS, graduate students at Southern Illinois University are an important component of the research activity, grantsmanship, publication, performance and scholarship productivity on campus; and

WHEREAS, graduate students at Southern Illinois University perform critical roles in the teaching mission of the university, particularly in working with students in the core curriculum; and

WHEREAS, graduate students at Southern Illinois University perform important service roles in programs, offices, RSO's, campus activities, professional organizations and within the community; and

WHEREAS, Southern Illinois University has some of the best a graduate students in the nation;

Be It Resolved, that Graduate Council recognizes their value and contributions during Graduate Student Appreciation Week, April 1-5, 2013, and throughout the year.

The Chair called for a Motion to Suspend the Robert's Rules of Law to vote on the resolution. So motioned and second. There being no further discussions, the motion was unanimously approved.

The Chair called for a motion to reinstate the rules. So motioned and second. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Chair briefly discussed attending the Board of Trustees meeting, commenting that two members left the meeting resulting in not enough members for a quorum. Business for the meeting could not be conducted. As a result of that event, Provost Nicklow added that any sabbaticals were on the agenda presented to the BOT would be considered at the next meeting.

2. Faculty Senate Report by Professor Clark

There is a JLB resolution to discuss on Tuesday. In executive session we had heated debate on the membership of the committee. The contention was whether a faculty association member was on that committee. The vote was to send it to the senate for mitigation to have a FA member.

A letter from a faculty member to the senate executive committee discussing the BOT matters recommend that the faculty senate get together to deal with SIU Edwardsville. The rank recommended that the new senate move ahead and get involved in rethinking what is going on in their first year experience.

There was no support in the Faculty Senate for an unsolicited proposal to open up a teaching path to full professor. The recommendation was to let it be a university policy.

3. Dean's Council Report by Professor Kempf-Leonard

The council spent time discussing majors and students with hundreds of credit hours. The council discussed working together to improve not only efficiency, but their collaborative efforts.

4. Nominations to Committees Report by Professor McCarroll

No nominations to report for the recent GC.

5. GPSC Report by Brooke Talley

GPSC has given out 109 new travel awards to-date. The research award winners were well represented. There will be an announcement next week that GPSC will now be offering their service to the community.

GPSC elected new officers: Blaine Tisdale, President; Peter Lucas, Vice President for Administrative Affairs; and John Stewart, VP of Graduate School Affairs.

Regarding the awards, they are given after the conference is attended. The 60 research winners have been posted on the website and also received emails. Professor Ford interjected stating that there is a link on the graduate school website to all awards; fellowships, assistantships, outstanding dissertation and thesis awards.

6. Research Committee Report by Professor Davie

Resolution from the Research Committee read by Professor Davie:

Resolution

**Graduate Council Resolution for
Formation of a Campus Wide Committee to
Examine Allocation of Indirect Funds**

Whereas, there has been a redistribution of indirect funds resulting in a new distribution of 40% to the Chancellor's office, 30% to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and 30% to departments from the prior distribution of 31% to the Office of the Chancellor, 39% to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and 30% to departments,

And, whereas, reducing the indirect cost fund returns by 23% (approximately \$500,000 in FY2012) severely impacts the budget of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, which funds many programs essential for support of the research mission at SIUC such as contractually committed startup funds, travel funds, seed grants and matching-grant funds, resulting in certain programs such as interdisciplinary seed grants and travel funds being respectively not funded or funded at reduced levels this year,

And, whereas, a significant portion of indirect cost fund returns may be required to meet the demands for improved research space and infrastructure to assure that faculty remain competitive for research funding and to facilitate a collaborative interdisciplinary climate at SIU,

And, whereas, these costs for updated research space and infrastructure need to be balanced with additional campus needs,

And whereas, according to the operating paper for the Graduate School, the Graduate Faculty have "the power to formulate and recommend policy regarding research-related programs",

And, whereas, the Graduate Council, the body representing the Graduate Faculty, have the authority to "establish policy to be followed in allocating available SIUC funds for faculty research projects and to monitor the allocation of such funds",

And, whereas, the prior distribution of indirect funds was recommended by an assigned faculty committee that examined campus-wide uses and needs of indirect funds,

Therefore, be it resolved that the allocation of indirect cost fund returns be examined by a campus-wide committee, including members of the Graduate Council who will provide input for the need for indirect cost funds and propose a working plan and policy for a mutually effective and agreed-upon distribution of those funds to support research activities on the campus. It is recommended that an assigned campus-wide faculty committee be involved in any future indirect reallocation decisions.

The committee, in conjunction with the research committee of the Graduate Council, will be responsible for researching case studies for peer institutions, aspiration institutions, and Top 100 research institutions for best effective practices, analyzing impacts of current and possible future redistribution models (% reductions and increases) on research productivity to recommend adaptable working models to meet changing needs, seeking alternative funding sources to supplement or defer allocation needs, as well as determining allocation of such funds toward renovating existing or building new physical research capacities.

After a brief discussion, the Chair called for a motion to vote on the resolution. Motion was carried and second. The vote showed 19 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions. The motion carried.

7. New Programs Committee Report by Professor Flowers

Professor Rehfeldt, as the proxy, read the following resolution.

Resolution

**Graduate Council
Resolution to Recommend Approval of a Name Change of the Department
of Educational Psychology and Special Education to the Department of
Counseling, Quantitative Methods, and Special Education in the
College of Education and Human Services**

WHEREAS, the faculty of the department believe that the name change will better reflect the programs housed in the unit; and

WHEREAS, the name change will make it easier for prospective students to locate the current programs within the department, and

WHEREAS, no other educational units, curricula or degrees will be affected based on this action, and

WHEREAS, no budgetary effects are anticipated based on the name change of the department, with the exception of minor costs for stationary and catalog corrections,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Graduate Council recommends approval of the change the name of the Department of Educational Psychology and Special Education to the Department of Counseling, Quantitative Methods, and Special Education in the College of Education and Human Services.

There was a brief discussion regarding the use of wording in the title, specifically “Quantitative.” There being no further discussions, the Chair called for a motion to vote. The motion was carried and second. The resolution passed unanimously.

The Graduate Council Resolution to Recommend Approval of adding the Masters of Arts Degree in Chemistry in the College of Science was tabled due to logistical and procedural questions regarding the RME. Chair Ishman advised that if the issues were resolved by the next meeting the RME will be presented there and will be voted upon.

8. Program Review Committee Report by Professor Hatziadoni

Reports have been sent to the committee members for review and it is anticipated that a presentation will be given at the next meeting of the GC.

9. Ed. Policies Committee Report by Professor Collins

There was no business to report.

10. Old Business

No report.

11. New Business

Requests for nominations for new memberships to the Graduate Council have gone out. Members were encouraged to attend the next meeting as new officers will be nominated and elected.

The Interdisciplinary Research Task Force Agenda: The Community of Scholars Meeting will be April 22, 5:30-8:30pm in Lawson 204. This will include discussions about interdisciplinary research enhancement and the connection with the community. Flyers are anticipated.

GC members were encouraged to attend the Imagining Geography events continuing throughout the semester.

Chair Ishman called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was carried and second. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Report Prepared by Tina M. Price

Attachments:

Draft Agenda: 10th Annual Research Town Meeting, April 16, 2013
Resolution in Celebration of Graduate Student Appreciation Week

Resolution for New Committee Formation for Allocation of Indirect Funds
Resolution for Educational Psychology Name Change
Resolution for Adding the MA degree in Chemistry