

**Graduate Council Minutes
March 3, 2009**

Present: Lawrence Anderson, Jamie Barlowe, Barbaranne Benjamin, Jeanne Brockmyer, Frank Calzonetti, Laurie Dinnebeil, Max Funk, Hans Gottgens, Scott Heckathorn, Wayne Hoss, Ruth Hottell, Dong-Shik Kim, Patricia Komuniecki, Barbara Kopp Miller, Anand Kunnathur, Sara Lundquist, Sakui Malakpa, Anastasia Mirzoyants, Gary Moore, Azadeh Parvin, Susan Pocotte, Benjamin Pryor, Ram Rachamadugu, Patricia Relue, Randall Ruch, Kathleen Sallyers, Dorothea Sawicki, Barbara Schneider, Alice Skeens, Mark Templin, James Trempe, Hermann Von Grafenstein, Frederick Williams

Absent: John Gaboury, Mylo Jennings, Krishna Shenai,

Excused: Michael Bisesi, Dwayne Demedio, Mohamed Hefzy, Eric Longsdorf, Diane Smolen, Kelly Phillips, Amy Thompson

Guests: Peter Lindquist, Robert Sullivan

The Minutes of the December 16, 2008, and February 17, 2009, meetings were approved.

Report of the Executive Committee of the Graduate Council and the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies

Dr. Komuniecki reported she informed the college deans of authorizing use of 80% of last year's budget for tuition and stipends. By the end of the month we should have clarity on the budget. She also plans to ask for additional resources as part of the budget hearing process. The COGS final budget hearing date is March 26th, and we would hope to have information available shortly after that. Some departments have been historically underfunded, and most units have not had stipend increases for 10 years. We are also working on a one handbook and will probably host two separate campus orientations.

Information and Discussion Items

Resolution: In Posthumous Recognition of Dr. Peggy Wheelock for her Many Contributions to Graduate Education While on the Faculty at UT

Dr. Max Funk read the following:

Deeply saddened by the untimely death of Dr. Margaret J. (Peggy Wheelock), and

Mindful of the many important contributions Dr. Wheelock made to graduate education at the University of Toledo as a Member of the Graduate Faculty, and

Cognizant of the eminent stature of Dr. Wheelock in the field of cell biology, and

Inspired by the able and dignified manner in which Dr. Wheelock carried out her leadership role as a Member of the Graduate Faculty, and

Thankful for the extraordinary example Dr. Wheelock set for the Members of the Graduate Faculty of the University of Toledo as a superb mentor to faculty members and graduate students alike, and

Grateful for the tireless service Dr. Wheelock performed as a Member of the Graduate Council and Research Council of the University of Toledo:

The 2008-2009 Graduate Council of the University of Toledo extends its sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to Dr. Keith Johnson, Dr. Wheelock's husband, constant companion, scientific collaborator, and partner in all things.

Initiatives Under Consideration for the College of Education's Graduate Programs

Dr. Rosemary Haggett, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, thanked Council for the invitation to today's meeting. Dr. Haggett said she wanted to inform the colleges that a partnership with Higher Ed. Holdings will not be moving forward at this time. UT had been approached by this company from Texas to see if we were interested in a partnership with them to deliver the UT masters in curriculum and instruction and masters in educational administration. They have already partnered with other institutions. They came to UT initially through their acquaintance with Scott Scarborough, who is not financially affiliated with this company. He brought the idea to Dr. Haggett who thought it was intriguing enough to approach the College of Education to start a conversation. It is important to have these conversations as we are charged by the State of Ohio to offer our programs strategically. It is a very different model. It became a productive conversation, open and honest. The quality of the degree program is of paramount importance. Dr. Haggett had just informed the college we won't be moving forward with that conversation. It is her hope from this experience that we begin discussions together about potential models.

Dr. Anderson stated discussions on this mode of delivery can occur with Distance Learning office on this campus. Dr. Dowd added there are fine programs in the colleges including the College of Education currently working through Distance Learning. He looks forward to improvements. Dr. Funk said in terms of conversation with faculty, the Graduate Council is a very good place to bring issues relevant for graduate education. And some part of the conversation would be helpful in this forum. Dr. Sawicki of the College of Medicine on the HSC said she was not familiar with this initiative.

Provost Haggett responded that she would have liked the dialogue with Higher Ed. Holdings to go forward. Instead the company has decided it does not want to move forward since we aren't sufficiently aligned. There is not enough interest in the college to move forward. She asked Council to continue to have ideas about the delivery of graduate courses and bring new ideas to her attention.

Opportunities Resulting from Federal Stimulus Funding

Dr. Frank Calzonetti introduced Ms. Diane Miller, Assistant Director of Incubation. He announced there will be a session today at 3:00 p.m. where individuals from Washington will participate via video to provide additional information on federal stimulus funding. He then distributed a PowerPoint document providing an overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act signed February 17, 2009. He gave a brief overview of the bill as it relates to what we currently know about the major federal agencies with research and development support. He stressed the tremendous opportunity available through this bill. The funding levels are in the millions, and in some cases, billions of dollars. He stated his office will send out information and monitor the situation daily, and as new information becomes available, and recommended monitoring the NSF website for updates.

Bylaws of the Graduate Council Draft Document 2/24/2009 for Presentation and Discussion

Dr. Max Funk presented and discussed where there were significant changes to the Bylaws of the Graduate Council Draft Document 2/24/2009. The document now incorporate a unified set of Bylaws for a combined Main and Health Sciences Campuses Graduate Council.

Motion: [Bylaws Draft Document 2/24/2009 was unanimously approved.]

Standing Committee Reports

Report of the Curriculum Committee

Dr. Lawrence Anderson presented the recommendations of the Graduate Curriculum Committee.

Dr. Lindquist attended to provide background on the addition of several new course proposals in the SISS program. He stated SISS is a comprehensive interdisciplinary Ph.D. program approved by the Board of Trustees in September 2008. He stated the department intended to fund the students and currently eight students have applied. Applicants must have a master’s degree in a social science, geography, sociology and anthropology, political science and public administration or economics. He stated there are some mandatory core courses as well as an existing intensive distance learning courses. **[Council unanimously approved the committee’s recommendations.]**

NEW COURSE PROPOSALS

ARS	GEPL	SISS:7010	Spatial Statistics	3
ARS	GEPL	SISS-7020	Geographical Information Science in SISS	3
ARS	GEPL	SISS-8010	Foundations of Spatially Integrated Social Science	3
ARS	GEPL	SISS-8020	SISS Theory	3
ARS	GEPL	SISS-8030	Advanced Spatial Data Analysis	3
ARS	GEPL	SISS-8040	Research Design	3
ARS	GEPL	SISS-8150	Advanced Qualitative Analysis in SISS	3
ARS	GEPL	SISS-8160	Policy Evaluation and SISS	3
ARS	GEPL	SISS-8170	Space and Society Critical Theory in SISS	3
ARS	GEPL	SISS-8180	Discrete Choice Spatial Process Modeling	3
ARS	GEPL	SISS-8200	Spatial Perspectives on the Environment	3
ARS	GEPL	SISS-8920	Directed Readings in SISS	3
ARS	GEPL	SISS-8940	Seminar in Special Topics	3
ARS	GEPL	SISS-8960	Doctoral Dissertation	1 - 15

PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS

ARS	GEPL		Spatially Integrated Social Science Ph.D. Program	
ARS	GEPL		Biomedical Engineering Ph.D. Program	

Organizational Reports

Report of the Graduate Student Association

Ms. Anastasia Mirzoyants, President of the Graduate Student Association, reported the GSA continues to work on the symposium. So far about 20 abstracts have been submitted and with continued advertising on both campuses. The keynote speaker has been confirmed – Dale Arnold from the Ohio Farm Bureau, who is giving a speech on alternative energy. The GSA would like to invite graduate faculty to participate in the event as judges. Ideally, we about 20 judges are needed for both poster sessions and for the oral presentations. Each of those lasts for about 50 minutes.

Thus, if the faculty would donate 50 minutes of their time to the event, GSA would be grateful. In addition, the GSA continues to offer social events. On March 26, there will be a bowling event for graduate students from both campuses.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Professional Development for Graduate Students

Dr. Komuniecki announced "Job Search Strategies in a Tough Economy" will be held on Thursday, March 19th as part of a continuing collaboration between the College of Graduate Studies and the Office of Career Services to address the professional development needs of graduate students. Panelists will discuss their various job search experiences and share strategies for both academic and nonacademic majors.

Application Fees for Graduate Admission

Dr. Komuniecki stated there will likely be procedural changes in graduate admission application fees beginning with spring semester 2010 in order to be consistent with the norms for domestic and international rates. Should approval be granted to increase the application fees for international graduate students, the funds would be used for professional development activities for graduate students. Additional details and announcements will be forthcoming.

Adjournment

There being no further business the Council adjourned at 2:00 p.m.