

**Graduate Council Minutes
April 29, 2008**

2007-2008 Members

Present: Jamie Barlowe, Barbaranne Benjamin, Karen Bjorkman, Maria Coleman, Dwayne Demedio, Michael Dowd, Jeanne Funk, Hans Gottgens, Mohamed Hefzy, Ruth Hottell, Patricia Komuniecki, Morris Jenkins, Sara Lundquist, Anastasia Mirzoyants (GSA), Marietta Morrissey, Walter Olson, Patricia Relue, Frederick Williams

Absent: Donald Beeman, Michael Bisesi, Maria Coleman, John Gaboury, Joan Kaderavek, Susan Martyn, Danny Pincivero, Dale Snauwaert

Excused Absent Wayne Hoss, Sam Okoroafo, Constantine Theodosiou, Walter Olson

2008-2009 Members

Present: Lawrence Anderson-Huang, Max Funk, Sakui Malakpa, Mark Mason, Benjamin Pryor, Kathleen Salyers

Absent: Scott Heckathorn, Dong Shik Kim, Mark Templin, Krishna Shenai

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

Dr. Dowd stated the work on the Bylaws and Constitution needs to continue during the summer. A draft version would be distributed to Graduate Council members when it is available. Feedback will be useful for a final version which should be completed in early fall semester and submitted to the graduate faculty for consideration.

[RESOLUTION]

Be it resolved that the Graduate Council expresses its deep gratitude to Dr. Constantine Theodosiou for his service as Interim Dean of the College of Graduate Studies during the 2007-2008 academic year, and especially for his significant efforts on behalf of graduate studies within a changing environment at our University.

[RESOLUTION]

Be it resolved that the Graduate Council expresses its sincere appreciation to Ms. Terri Hayes for her outstanding efforts in support of the work of the Graduate Council and its committees throughout the 2007-2008 academic year.

Dr. Theodosiou suggested the present Graduate Council Executive Committee (GCEC) continue until the beginning of fall semester and the new GCEC can work with the previous GCEC and elected committee members should be committed to be available this summer. Dr. Dowd questioned the validity and value in suspending the rules for delaying the election of officers until the fall semester. This was followed by a spirited discussion.

Information and Discussion Items

Motion to Extend Early Admission into MPA in Political Science and Economics
(following same policies and procedures as Engineering)

The GCEC did not forward a motion at this time because this request has not yet been reviewed by the Arts and Sciences Council, and hence, it would be premature for Graduate Council to fully consider this proposal at this time.

Status Update on College of Graduate Studies Dean Search

Dr. Bjorkman gave an update on the status of the dean candidates' visits to campus. Two candidates have already made a campus visit and the third is scheduled for this week, followed by the fourth candidate, Dr. Constantine Theodosiou, on Friday, May 2nd Monday, May 5th. The Council is encouraged to attend the receptions and open sessions. The Graduate Council expressed appreciation to Ms. Terri Hayes for her assistance in notifying graduate faculty of these events.

Election of Officers for 2008-2009

[Motion – approved]

Propose holding elections to vote for new officers and also to extend the current GCEC until the end of summer.

Dr. Bjorkman noted that according to the Bylaws, elections must be held by the new Graduate Council members for next fall and there is no provision to extend the rules. Dr. Bjorkman stressed the importance of a new executive committee being in place during the summer months. However, new elections may be necessary in the fall if the Bylaws are revised and are not in agreement with our current Constitution and Bylaws. The officers need to be a part of the process in the summer for reconciling both documents and will send for a vote in the fall. It was noted that the graduate faculty on both campuses would need to review and approve such documents. The new GCEC should be involved in such summer discussions and keep up to date on the evolving issues.

Dr. Theodosiou stated that as of July 1st, there will be one Graduate College operation.

Election of Officers for the 2008-2009 Academic Year

Chair -Dr. Patricia Relue

Vice Chair - Dr. Max Funk

Executive Committee At Large #1 - Dr. Ruth Hottell

Executive Committee At Large #2 - Dr. Hans Gottgens

Standing Committee Reports**Report of the Curriculum Committee**

On behalf of the Curriculum Committee, Dr. Patricia Relue, Chair, presented the committee's recommendations. Council approved the recommendations of the committee.

NEW GRADUATE PROGRAMS

ARS	PHYS	Ph.D. in Physics with concentration in Astrophysics	
BUS	MGMT	MBA Specialization in Leadership	

PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS

ARS	CHEM	Master of Science in Chemistry	Approved; replace existing proposal text with course change summary
ARS	EEES	Master of Science in Geology	
ARS	GEPL	Master of Arts, Geography	Approved; replace existing proposal text with course change summary
ARS	LIBR	Master of Liberal Studies	
BUS	MBA	Master of Business Administration	Approved; replace existing proposal text with course change summary
BUS	BUS	Executive Masters in Business Administration	Approved; replace existing proposal text with course change summary [no hard copy submitted yet – cannot approve on CTS yet]
BUS	MGMT	Ph.D. Specialization in Human Resource Management	
EDU	CI	Master of Education, Curriculum and Instruction	Approved; replace existing proposal text with course change summary

NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

BUS	ACCT	ACCT-5320	Internal Reporting	3	
BUS	EMBA	EMBA-6980	Special Topics in Business	3	Approved; correct typo on proposal form; Q5 25, 25; [no hard copy submitted yet – cannot approve on CTS yet]
BUS	EMBA	EMBA-6990	Independent Study	3	Approved; correct typos on proposal form; Q5-25,25; Q12-PIN; Q14 fix text “topic of interest” and “students”

COURSE MODIFICATIONS

BUS	EMBA	EMBA:6210	Processes for Ethical Business Decisions	Approved; hard copy proposal not submitted yet
BUS	EMBA	EMBA:6300	Global Technology Management	Approved; hard copy proposal not submitted yet
ENG	BIOE	BIOE:6960	Bioengineering Research and Thesis - Masters	Approved: hard copy proposal not submitted yet

Organizational Reports

Report of the Graduate Student Association

Ms. Anastasia Mirzoyants, Vice President of the Graduate Student Association, reported the GSA was working on the symposium and there were 41 students registered for poster sessions and 10 students chosen to give oral presentations. The GSA also managed to solicit 8 faculty presentations. In addition, GSA members revised the constitution and scheduled a meeting with Provost Rosemary Haggett to discuss possible collaboration next academic year. On April 22nd the GSA started an election period inviting graduate students to run for the offices. The results of the elections were planned to be announced right after the symposium of May 19th. The last general assembly for the spring semester is planned for May 19.”

Dr. Theodosiou thanked Ms. Anastasia Mirzoyants for her leadership role in participating in graduate student affairs through the Graduate Student Association. He also thanked all the current and new members to Graduate Council for helping with the governance of the University through this body.

Old Business

Dr. Dowd, outgoing chairperson, expressed appreciation to the Graduate Council Executive Committee, Graduate Council, Graduate Faculty and Graduate Students. In turn, incoming Council Chairperson, Dr. Relue, thanked Dr. Dowd for his leadership and service during this difficult year.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 1:20 p.m.