

# Graduate Council Minutes

## February 3, 2006

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The Graduate Council met at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Library Conference Room. Chair Jeff Walck presided.

### I. Call to Order

Members present: Rich Barnet, Charlie Baum, Stuart Bernstein, Monte Hendrickson, Michael Hein, William Ilsley, Jung-Song Lee, Philip Phillips, Jonathan Sanders, Saleh Sbenaty, Marc Singer, and Jane Williams

Ex-officio members present: Pamela Knox, Associate Dean College of Graduate Studies

### II. Announcements

A. **Dr. Jeffrey Walck Chair** - No Announcements

B. **Dr. Pamela Knox**

- Dr. Knox reported that at the recent Program Coordinator's meeting she did not have the opportunity to bring up any Graduate Council issues. Dr. Gebert spoke to the group and there was no time left for discussion.
- Dr. Thomas and Dr. Gebert have requested that all new program proposals go to Academic Affairs prior to the Graduate Council so that they can evaluate how it relates to the Master Academic Plan.

### III. Approval of Minutes – November 18, 2005 & December 16, 2005

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2005 meeting as written. The motion was seconded and carried. It was noted in the December 16, 2005 minutes that the university Dr. Rao had gone to is University of South Florida and not Southern University of Florida. A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.

### IV. Sub-Committee Reports

A. **Graduate Faculty and Curriculum Review**  
**Dr. Stuart Bernstein**

- Consent calendar attached – A motion was made to accept the consent calendar as attached. The motion was seconded and carried.

B. **Student Affairs and Travel**  
**Jonathan Sanders**

- Thirteen (13) additional grants were awarded since the last council meeting. The total budget of \$26,714.00 has now been depleted. Dr. Singer moved for the council to authorize Dr. Knox, Associate Dean for the College of Graduate Studies, to speak with Dr. Gebert to procure additional funding. The motion was seconded and carried.

C. **Policies and Procedures**  
**Dr. Ken Blake**

- No report

**D. Graduate Program Review**  
**Dr. Michael Hein, Chair**

- Dr. Hein reported that he was unable to attend the Sociology Program Reviewer's meeting; however Dr. Knox said that it went very well. Issues of graduate assistant allocations were discussed as well as raising the standard G.P.A. from 2.75 to 3.0. Council members discussed raising the G.P.A. and felt at this time it would be problematic for some programs and nothing should be done until further research was concluded and it should perhaps be left up to each program.

**V. Old Business**

Nothing to report

**VI. New Business**

- In the past two years ad hoc committees have been working on changes to the requirements for Graduate Faculty Membership. The two purposes of the revisions being: 1) to increase scholarship, and 2) reduce the number of categories. The committee examined guidelines at other institutions and formulated a draft set of guidelines which was handed out to the council for review and discussion. A number of issues were raised and discussed. The council did unanimously agree to change the evaluation period from three to five years. After much discussion, it was decided to send the guidelines back to the ad hoc committee for further consideration, i.e. 1) clean-up and change the current forms, changing evaluation period from 3 to 5 years and eliminating Associate II level; 2) use the new criteria with revisions; or 3) make no revisions or updates.
- Dr. Walck reported that a new Faculty Workload Committee may be formed and re-configured and will be looking at workload issues as well as thesis/dissertation issues.
- Proquest Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Submission discussion was tabled until the next Graduate Council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Lynn Parker  
Recording Secretary

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# Graduate Council – Consent Calendar

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### Graduate Faculty Membership

#### **Adjunct Membership**

Barbara Ann Kirkland Presley / School of Nursing

#### **Associate Membership – Initial Appointment**

Constance Rotters Blake / School of Nursing

F.E. Beemon / History

#### **Full – Initial Appointment**

Don Hong / Mathematical Sciences

Medha Sarkar / Computer Science

#### **Full – Re-Appointment**

Thomas M. Brinthaup / Psychology

Michael Hein / Psychology

Glenn Littlepage / Psychology

Judith Van Hein / Psychology

Richard Redditt / ETIS

### Curriculum Changes

#### **Economics and Finance**

#### **Proposed New Course:**

**ECON/FIN 7720    Advanced Financial Economics II**, 3 credit hours, effective  
spring 2006