

Council of Graduate School Programs
February 13, 2009
Minutes
Kasbeer Hall, WTC

Members Present: Gad Bensinger, Pamela Caughie, Kenneth Byron, Paul Chiarelli, Andrew Cutrofello, Mark Engberg, Allison Fagan, Olympia Gonzalez, Andrew Harrington, Suzanne Kaufman, Holly Kramer, Mary Manteuffel, Jason Myers, E.J. Neafsey, Mark Kuczuwski (for Kayhan Parsi), Robert Roemer, Lee Schmidt, Peter Schraeder, Annette Steinacker, R. Scott Tindale, Maria Trakas.

Members Excused: Pamela Fenning, Anne Figert, James Marley, Jana Wingo

Members Absent: Elizabeth Vera, Robert Di Vito, Mitchell Denning, Terry Grande, Robert Halpern, Phong Le, Joseph Mayne, Ruben Mestril, Bren Murphy, Timothy O'Brien, F. Bryan Pickett, Karen Visick,

Graduate School Members Present: Samuel Attoh, Jessica Horowitz, Patricia Mooney-Melvin, Frederick Wezeman.

Meeting Convened: 1:10

- I. November minutes approved unanimously.
- II. By-laws changes presented by Andrew Harrington. Recommends that 3.c. be added to the bylaws: "The council will provide an arena for issues and concerns about the Graduate Program Academic Review Process. If necessary, an ad hoc committee will be formed to evaluate grievances. "The Council approved the changes unanimously.
- III. Cross-Campus collaboration subcommittee update – Holly Kramer. The committee will circulate a document that includes recommendations to the administration at the next council meeting.
- IV. Graduate Education and the University and Update on the Strategic Planning Task Force– Dean Attoh. First, a summary of key components of the strategic plan were listed, including the transformative education preamble "Students invited to engage, reflect and provide service to the world – by integrating knowledge, having an ethical foundation, civic participation, global awareness and spirituality.
Three overarching goals as framework:
 - Deliver premier transformative undergraduate education in Chicago in the Jesuit Tradition
 - LUC will be a recognized leader in preparation for healthm, law, business and other service professions
 - LUC will be a leader in public service in research within the Centers of Excellence, natural sciences and ethics and social justice.

Centers within schools will also be emphasized, not just the university-wide centers.

Six major strategies outlined for the university:

1. Recruiting and retaining outstanding faculty by cluster hires, endowed chairs and leverage faculty leaves
2. Enhancing undergraduate learning experiences
3. Developing new centers of excellence
4. Further develop the three Chicago campuses as well as several international campuses (Southeast Asia, Latin America).
5. Raising reputation of the Graduate and Professional schools to national and international prominence by:
 - a. Accelerating efforts of Law and Business school
 - b. Continue to assess and redesign programs to be rigorous, transformative and globally aware
 - c. Develop new programs in new fields pushing interdisciplinary boundaries
 - d. School-specific scholarly engagement
 - e. Reorder funding priorities in health, ethics and children and family – dedicated funding for graduate and post-docs in these areas by 2013.
6. Exploring cross-collaborative opportunities and barriers. Emphasis on identifying groups to confront barriers and develop white paper to Provost and President, based on the outcome of the Academic Research Forum on April 24th.

V. Graduate Student Activities – Allison Fagan, President of Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC). She encouraged all GPDs to get student representation from every department for GSAC. Graduate Student Research Symposium is scheduled for March 21st on the Lake Shore Campus. Several awards will be given to the best presenters at the symposium. Invite undergraduates to attend as well as the graduate faculty. GSAC is involved in service work with the local community organizations and will continue to create new opportunities for graduate students.

VI. Curriculum Report – Pat Mooney-Melvin. The committee had two recommendations:

- a. Course change in Applied Statistics – new course # (406 rather than 408)
- b. Computer Science 490 and 499 need to be defined as Independent Study and Internship, respectively.

Unanimous approval of the proposed changes.

V. Awards committee – Changes in the awards committee will be discussed at the next council meeting in March. The committee still needs members so encourage people to join.

VI. New Business-

- a. Mark Kuczewski mentioned that a proposal for a doctoral program in Bio Ethics was sent to the administration. It would be a professional

program for students who already have an MA and would provide additional training and coursework.

- b. Dean Attoh distributed Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) paper to help market Masters programs – MA programs will continue to increase in demand over the next 10 years.
- c. CGS submitted white paper to Obama transition team making a case for graduate education – more funding and fellowships.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 2:30