

**Council of Graduate School Programs  
Loyola University Chicago  
Regular Meeting  
Friday, October 21, 2005  
25 East Pearson, Room 301, Water Tower Campus**

**MINUTES  
Approved on November 18, 2005**

**Members Present:** Barney Berlin, Matthew Butcher (student), Joseph Davis (pharmacology, for Kenneth Byron), Robert Di Vito, Janis Fine, Lynne Golomb, Olympia González, Thackery Gray, Maureen Hellwig, Robert Ludwig, Bernie McMahon (library), Mary Manteuffel, Patricia Mooney-Melvin, Ken Olsen, Robert Roemer, Grace Scrimgeour (student), Loretta Stalans (chair), George Thiruvathukal (chair-elect), Scott Tindale, Elizabeth Vera, Alan Wolfe, Tom Wren (philosophy, for Andrew Cutrofello).

**Members Excused:** Kenneth Byron, Pamela Caughie, Andrew Cutrofello, Gregory Dobrov, Stephen Doty, Terry Grande, Ruben Mestril, Jennifer Parks, Kayhan Parsi, Susan Penckofer, Peter Sánchez, Karen Visick, Peter Whalley, Fred Wezeman (associate dean).

**Members Not Present:** Robert Halpern, John Karavitis (student), E.J. Neafsey, Terry Northcut, Lou Rizzo (student).

**Graduate School Deans:** Sam Attoh, Nicole Lassahn, Konstantin Läufer.

**Visitors:** Jeff Rosen, Dean, School of Professional Studies.

**Call to Order**

Loretta Stalans, chair of the Council, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes of the Past Meeting**

Dr. Stalans asked if there were any revisions to the draft of the minutes of the September 16, 2005, regular meeting. There were none. *The Council approved the minutes by unanimous voice vote.*

**Discussion of Professional Master's Programs with Dean Rosen (SPS)**

Dr. Attoh introduced Dr. Jeff Rosen, Dean of the School of Professional Studies (SPS). Dr. Rosen shared his vision of professional master's programs with the Council and described different possible implementation models. Discussion followed.

**Dean's Report**

Dean Attoh delivered a brief oral report to the Council. Topics included fall enrollments, convocation, the hire of a new events and outreach coordinator, Ms. Marcela Gallegos, and an update on the DFI fellowship.

Dr. Attoh then displayed the updated Graduate School mission statement. A brief discussion of the mission statement ensued, resulting in several minor changes. Dr. Attoh then displayed a list of five strategic goals. A brief discussion ensued. Dr. Attoh invited Council members to provide feedback on the list of strategic goals by email within one week. Members indicated that globalization and connectivity should be kept separate and that supporting faculty research should not be subsumed under academic excellences of programs.

### **Awards Committee Report**

On behalf of Dr. Penckofer, chair of the Awards Committee, Dr. Stalans announced the new, earlier deadline of March 7, 2006, for the Graduate School's distinguished thesis/dissertation awards. This deadline was set so that awards could be presented at the Graduate School Dean's Convocation on Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

Dr. Stalans also communicated Dr. Penckofer's call for volunteer committee members. Dr. Thiruvathukal is already representing the professional programs. Dr. González came forward to represent the humanities, and Dr. Gray to represent the natural and biomedical sciences. An attempt to find a member from the social sciences will be made again at the next Council meeting.

### **Bylaws Committee Report**

There was no report.

### **Curriculum Committee Report**

Dr. Vera, chair of the Curriculum Committee, Dr. Stalans informed the Council that a course in Clinical Research Methods entitled International Health had been reviewed and approved.

### **Program Review Committee Report**

Dr. Mooney-Melvin, chair of the Program Review Committee, gave an introduction to the program review process and the role of the Council's faculty monitors in this process. The specific reports on the following schools and programs were then presented by the Council members listed here (in some cases not the monitor who produced the report).

- Chicago Studies: Dr. Berlin
- History: Dr. Olsen
- Institute of Pastoral Studies: Dr. Di Vito
- Parmly Institute: Dr. Mooney-Melvin
- Philosophy: Dr. Mooney-Melvin
- Political Science: Mr. McMahan
- Psychology: Dr. Stalans
- School of Social Work: Dr. Mooney-Melvin

The following monitors have come forward for the remaining school and program:

- School of Education: Dr. Hellwig

- Mathematics and Statistics: Dr. Thiruvathukal

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

Ms. Scrimgeour suggested that the Council provide an introductory document for new members. She was referred to the Council bylaws available in the faculty section of the Graduate School website.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.