

**Council of Graduate School Programs
Loyola University Chicago
Regular Meeting
Friday, November 17, 2006
25 East Pearson, Room 1255, Water Tower Campus**

MINUTES

Members Present: Anthony Cardoza, Pamela Caughie, Andrew Cutrofello, Pamela Fenning, Olympia Gonzalez, Terry Grande, Andrew Harrington, Marilyn Krogh, Jacqueline Long, Robert Ludwig, E.J. Neafsey, Jon Nilson, David Olson (for Gad Bensinger), Kayhan Parsi, Linda Paskiewicz (for Nancy Hogan), Lou Rizzo (student), Robert Roemer, Peter Sanchez, George Thiruvathukal, Scott Tindale, Elizabeth Vera (for Suzanne Speight), Karen Visick, Terry E. Williams.

Members Excused: Ana Bedard (student), Anne Figert, Thackery Gray, Mary Manteuffel, Ruben Mestril.

Members Not Present: Antoine Aubeneau (student), Kenneth Bryon, David Crumrine, Stephen Doty, Janis Fine, Robert Halpern, Nancy Hogan, Holly Kramer, James Keenan, Ameet Kini, Terry Northcut, Grace Scrimgeour (student), Suzette Speight, Diane Sutter, Alan Wolfe, Nancy Zeleznik-Le.

Graduate School Deans Present: Samuel Attoh, Nicole Lassahn, Patricia Mooney-Melvin.

Graduate School Deans Excused: Fred Wezeman.

Guests: Dr. Robert Seal, Dean of the Libraries; Dr. Paul Giblin, Institute for Pastoral Studies, Mary Theis, Office of International Programs, and Nancy Katz, Associate Director, Evaluation Service, Inc.

Call to Order

Dr. George Thiruvathukal, Chair of the Council, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Thiruvathukal asked if there were any revisions to the draft of the minutes of the October 20, 2006 regular meeting. There was one, the correct spelling of Peter Gilmour's name. ***The Council approved the minutes with two abstentions.***

Guest Presentations

Dr. Robert Seal, Dean of the Libraries

Dean Robert Seal provided an overview of the changes taking place at Cudahy Library and of the new Information Commons project. He indicated that his goals include enhancing the collections, upgrading the physical plant, and improving the technological environment. Of particular importance to the Council was Dean Seal's discussion of the transformation of Cudahy Library into a graduate student/faculty facility and his desire to expand the library's special collections department. During the question and answer session that followed, Council members asked about the potential for teleconferencing and distance learning in the Information Commons. Other questions revolved around storage issues and trash in the library.

Mary Theis, Office of International Programs and Nancy Katz, Evaluation Service, Inc.

Dr. Samuel Attoh wanted Mary Theis and Nancy Katz to bring the Council up to speed on issues relating to credentialing of international students and the Bologna Degrees. Dean Attoh discussed briefly the Council of Graduate Schools 2006 International Graduate Student Survey. Ms. Theis provided an overview of the Bologna process and reasons for the drop in the number of international graduate students. Ms. Katz discussed the Bologna Degrees and articulation issues. She answered questions about bridge programs and about the utility of an in-house credential operation.

Chair's Report

Dr. Thiruvathukal discussed the two ad hoc committees designed to examine the academic policy issues relating to (1) the practice of counting undergraduate classes for graduate credit and (2) reinstatement and late registration policies and fees. He announced the creation of the committees. Scott Tindale and Andrew Harrington were appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee on Reinstatement. Terry Grande, Anne Figert, and Peter Sanchez were appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee on the practice of counting undergraduate classes for graduate credit. He asked that these committees prepare a report for the February meeting of the Council.

Dean's Report

Dean Attoh gave the Council an update on the budget for next year. He discussed briefly master's programs and how they related to trends in higher education.

Awards Committee

In the absence of Dr. Thackery Gray, Dr. Thiruvathukal presented the Awards Committee report. The Committee sent out the announcement about the various Council awards.

Program Review Committee

No report.

By-Laws Committee

No report.

Curriculum Committee

Dr. Elizabeth Vera reported on behalf of the Curriculum Review Committee. The Committee reviewed the updated material relating to the proposed MA in Pastoral Care and Counseling (IPS Summer Rome Program). The Committee expressed reservations about the program, although it gave a more favorable endorsement of the proposal than it had at previous meetings. Furthermore, the Committee recommended that the Council vote on the proposal. A lively and informative discussion ensued. Dr. Paul Giblin and Dr. Robert Ludwig ultimately withdrew the proposal from consideration before a formal vote on the proposal occurred.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.