

Graduate Council
November 26, 2007

Attendees: Charles Taber (Political Science and Chair), Estie Arkin (Applied Mathematics and Statistics), Ruth Ben-Zvi (Economics), Debra Caffrey (Graduate School), Peter Gergen (Graduate School), Godlind Johnson (Library), Kent Marks (Graduate School), Celia Marshik (English), Lawrence Martin (Dean, Graduate School), Anne McElroy (MSRC), Susan O'Leary (Psychology), IV Ramakrishnan (Computer Science), Marcia Simon (Dental School), Arleen Steckel (Nursing School)

Absent Members: Andrei Antonenko (GSO), Allegra DeLaurentiis (Philosophy), Susana Huidobro (Graduate Student Advocate), Brian Phillips (Geosciences), Ryan Soule (GSO)

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by the Graduate Council Chair, Charles Taber.

Approval of minutes

The minutes from the November 12, 2007 meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

Residency Rules for Tuition: A response from Doug Panico in Auditing clarified that, as these seemingly new rules *restore* our compliance, they cannot be altered. The Council still would like further clarification on where this decision originally came from. Charles will invite Karol Gray to attend a future meeting to shed light on this matter.

Graduate Council Fellowships and Awards Committee: Anne has agreed to serve on the 2008 GCF committee.

Old Business

Dissertation Committees: The Council raised the issue of the purpose of the external member. The functions raised in previous meetings include a) oversight, b) a source of expertise, and c) professional networking. These purposes were again debated, and it was stressed that a minimum conflict of interest statement should exist to exclude a close, personal relationship between the external member and student. Charles will draft a provisional COI to propose to the Council for approval and review.

Dean's Report

TOEFL Rules: Lawrence clarified the purpose of last meeting's previous request to alter the deadline for TOEFL scores. It is important to consider spoken competency and test as late as possible.

Enrollment Planning: Lawrence has attended several meetings with Robert Aller about enrollment planning, and offered to share details on this if the Council is interested.

New Italian American Studies Endowed Chair: Lawrence has met with the new Endowed Chair for Italian American Studies, Peter Carravetta, who plans to propose a Ph.D. in European Studies.

Host Family Program: International Services is proud to report that out of the 94 international students who requested a host family, all have been placed.

TA Lines: Lawrence was pleased that Dr. Kaler met with the Graduate Council last meeting, and is optimistic that the issue of TA lines is paramount to the Provost.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by Debra Caffrey

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