

**University Graduate Council**

January 15, 2007

Minutes

**Present:** Klomprens (TGS), Dilley (BUS), Baldwin (CED), Boyer (COGS), Sordillo (CVM), Burton (CANR), Nalla (CSS), Chavez (CAS), Love (COGS), Goodman (COM), Michaelson (CAL), Conner (CSS), Battista (CED), Lappan (CNS), Petty (EGR), Noel (CHM)

**Guests:** Bob Roth (Environmental Toxicology), Norb Kaminski (Environmental Toxicology), Sally Helvensten Gray (Apparel and Textiles), Sue Conrad (Cell Molecular Biology), Bob Caldwell (College Social Science), Vince Melfi (Statistics), Walter Boylan-Pett (Entomology), Laura Reese (College Social Science), A Winkler-Prins (Geography), Joe Messina (Geography)

1. Approval of agenda. **Unanimously approved.**
2. Approval of November 6, 2006 minutes. **Unanimously approved.**
3. Remarks from the Chairperson (Lappan): **None.**
4. Remarks from the Graduate School (Klomprens): **The NRC doctoral programs survey has been completed by approximately 45 programs and will be loaded into NRC two weeks from today. MSU faculty who have advised graduated Ph.D. students will get a faculty questionnaire in late January 2007 to fill out and return to NRC. This will form the basis for NRC review of faculty productivity and quality of graduate programs. Only faculty who return the questionnaire will be in the pool of possible rater/rankers for other programs. Klomprens is to send an email to this effect right away.**
5. Remarks from COGS representative (Love): **One of the COGS Vice Presidents passed away last week. The Spanish Department and the Graduate School will sponsor a memorial tomorrow at 3 pm. A quality of student life survey will be forthcoming for graduate students.**
6. Report of the Representative to the University Research Council (Burton): **There has been no meeting of this Council in Fall 2006 or in January 2007. No report.**
7. Reports of the University Graduate Council Subcommittees.  
Curriculum and Program Review Committee: **No report**  
Academic Research Policy Subcommittee: **No report**  
Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee: **No report**
8. Action Item: Request for an extension to the Moratorium on admission to the Master of Arts Degree in Apparel and Textiles: **Unanimously approved.**
9. Action Item: Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Applied Statistics in the Department of Statistics and Probability: **Unanimously approved.**

10. Action Item: Request to establish a Graduate Specialization in Global Urban Studies in the College of Social Science: **Unanimously approved.**
11. Action Item: Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Geographic Information Science in the Department of Geography: **Unanimously approved.**
12. Action Item: Request to change the name of the Multi-Department Doctoral Programs in Environmental Toxicology to Multidisciplinary Doctoral Training Program in Environmental and Integrative Toxicological Sciences: **Unanimously approved pending an amended proposal with a title change to Doctoral Program in Environmental and Integrative Toxicological Sciences.**
13. Action Item: Request to establish a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Cell and Molecular Biology-Environmental Toxicology in the College of Natural Science: **Unanimously approved but all pages need to reflect the new program name approved in #12.**
14. Action Item: Request to establish a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Comparative Medicine and Integrative Biology-Environmental Toxicology in the College of Social Science: **Unanimously approved but the request needs to read ...in the College of Veterinary Medicine... and all pages need to reflect the new program name approved in #12.**
15. Action Item: request to discontinue the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Entomology-Environmental Toxicology in the Department of Entomology: **Unanimously approved.**
16. Roundtable: **Mary Noel – there will be a major announcement from the Medical School on Friday and the weekend about significant donors and opportunities this will bring for increased student enrollment at the new Grand Rapids school. 2010 is the target year for the additional student enrollment.**
11. Adjournment: **Meeting was adjourned at 4:02 pm.**