

**University Graduate Council**

November 6, 2006

Minutes

**Present:** Klomprens (TGS), Petty (EGR), Noel (CHM), Dilley (BUS), Keilman (NUR), Michaelson (CAL), Goodman (COM), Battista (ED), Long, (CNS), Boyer (COGS), O'Connor (COGS), Love (COGS), Chavez (CAS), Burton (CANR), Lappan (CNS), Ravitch (COL)

**Guests:** Maliea Powell (Writing & Rhetoric), Jim Forger (Music), Pat Paulsell (Arts & Letters)

1. Approval of agenda. **Unanimously approved.**
2. Approval of October 2, 2006. **Unanimously approved – with Klomprens to amend language in item 4 (Specialization).**
3. Remarks from the Chairperson (Lappan): **No report.**
4. Remarks from the Graduate School (Klomprens): **No report.**
5. Remarks from COGS representative (Love): **CSTAT is coming up for renewal of funding. COGS will write a letter of support for continued funding. Graduate students find this a very helpful service.**
6. Report of the Representative to the University Research Council (Burton): **No report.**
7. Reports of the University Graduate Council Subcommittees.  
Curriculum and Program Review Committee: **No Report**  
Academic Research Policy Subcommittee: **No report**  
Action item: Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee (Keilman).  
**Distributed minutes from the October 27, 2006 meeting in which the DF-deferred policy for specific courses was reviewed and a proposal for revision put forward by the subcommittee. Proposal: *that the current policy be revised so that when a DF is given the student has one year to complete the work and have a grade reported. It was also recommended that exactly two 6-month extensions be permitted, by action of the instructor of the course. No further extensions would be allowed.***  
**Unanimously approved by UGC.**
8. Action Item: Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Rhetoric and Writing in the College of Arts and Letters. **Unanimously approved.**
9. Consultation: School of Music request for administrative reconfiguration. **Jim Forger provided a summary of the process and content of his April 28, 2006 memo to Kim Wilcox. College of Arts and Letters Associate Dean Pat Paulsell agreed with Dr. Forger's summary. While "sad" that Music would leave the College, Dr. Paulsell agreed that it was the best move for Music.**

**Questions/answers:**

**Q. Was there consideration of other performance-based units to join Music in a separate college? Art and Theatre were mentioned specifically.**

**A: Yes. There were discussions. Neither Theatre nor Art faculty wanted to move. Their unit size is each much smaller than Music. No Ph.D. programs in either of these other areas (is a Ph.D. in Art History). Music is accredited, the other two are not. Dr. Forger listed other universities that have a College of Fine Arts and those who do not (and have Music separate).**

**Q. Is this a “done-deal”?**

**A. Budgets are now separated (Music from CAL), but this is an important part of the consultation with governance groups.**

**Q. “COM” is an acronym already in use by Osteopathic Medicine. What will you use?**

**A. CMA = College of Musical Arts? OR College of Music and Musical Arts?**

**Q. There was discussion of the numbers of students, graduate students, faculty, and comparison to other small colleges (e.g., Nursing).**

**U Grad Council members indicated, by show of hands, unanimous support for this request. Notes submitted by Klomparens.**

10. Roundtable:

**Linda Keilman: asked for clarification on the student grievance procedure, specifically whether or not a student can bring a lawyer to university grievance proceedings. Klomparens responded that no one (no lawyer, parents, etc) except a MSU faculty or student support person is allowed to be present; this is an academic proceeding not a legal proceeding.**

**Frank Ravitch: reported that the Dean of the Law School has taken a leave of absence and that there will be a search for a new Dean. Also reported impressive positive trends in the rankings of faculty in the Law School.**

**Mary Noel: CHM made it through the accreditation process. Discussion on the purchase of land in Grand Rapids for the new CHM and a doubling of its students is in progress.**

**Charles Petty: requested that the UGC packets come via email (in addition to or instead of via campus mail).**

11. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm.