

**UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL**

**September 13, 2004**

**Minutes**

**PRESENT:** T. Levine (CAS), W. Anderson (CHM), S. Arch (CAL), T. Nunez (Grad School), M. Morash (CSS), B. Barnes (COGS), S. Balasubramaniam (EGR), E. Crawford (CANR), W. Brown (CNS), R. Baldwin (CED), K. Ramesh (BUS), L. Spence (NUR), B. Ames (CHE), A. Ferguson (CSS), C. Newman (COGS), M. Orth (CANR)

**Guests:** Jean Baker, College of Education

The meeting was called to order at 3PM. Members introduced themselves.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The agenda was unanimously approved.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the May 3, 2004 meeting were unanimously approved without revision.

**3. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

- a. Morash commented that agenda items will be screened as time goes on.
- b. The charges of UGC and roles of the subcommittees were briefly explained.
- c. Subcommittee assignments were made (see item 10 below).

**4. REMARKS FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL**

Tony Nunez filled in for Klomparens

- a. TA Union issues were mentioned. The grievance about level 3 appointments was settled. TA's with a Master's degree and at least 6 semesters as a TA will be appointed at level 3 and paid at level 3. In a second grievance, TAs may continue to be appointed as instructors. The GEU grievance was denied. This means no change in current practice. Contract negotiations for the second contract may begin as soon as next month.
- b. The Research Integrity Newsletter was distributed. The Newsletter resulted from the work of the Mentoring Research taskforce.
- c. Klomparens attended University Research Council. An AAHRPP handout was distributed. Concerns about more faculty input were voiced. A matrix presenting a roadmap for health and life science research at MSU was also distributed.

**5. REMARKS FROM THE COGS REPRESENTATIVE**

No Remarks

**6. REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COUNCIL**

(Anne Ferguson) See 4c above

\*Action Items

**7. REPORTS OF THE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES**

Chairs of the respective subcommittees describe the subcommittees.

*Curriculum and Program Review Committee.* Orth introduced the subcommittee.

*Academic Research Policy Subcommittee* Spence introduced the subcommittee.

*Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee* Crawford introduced the subcommittee.

**8. INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE AND THE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL** (Nunez/Morash) See item 3 above.

**9. SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR 2004-05** Nunez distributed a handout detailing special projects for 2004-2005.

**10. ELECTION OF THE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES AND JUDICIARIES**

Elections were held. The results are as follows:

Chair: Morash

Vice-Chair: Blanchard

Secretary: Levine

**Agenda Committee:** Morash, Blanchard, Levine, Orth, Newman

UCC A: Brown, no alternate

UCC B: Morash, Crawford alternate

UCC C: Arch, Ramesh alternate

**Academic Research Policy:** Spence (chair), Balasubramaniam, Ramesh, Newman

Curriculum Orth (Chair and sub A), Arch (Sub C)

Grad. Instruction: Crawford (chair), Ames, Blanchard, Barns, Anderson

Grad. Judiciary: Levine, Blanchard

**Univ. Judiciary:** Anderson, Mansfield, Goodman, Blanchard, Levine

The slate was unanimously approved.

11. **\*Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Hispanic cultural Studies in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese.**

12. **\*Request to change the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Hispanic Literatures in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese.**

\*Action Items

13. **\*Request to change the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Applied Spanish Linguistics in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese.**

Items 11-13 passed unanimously.

14. **\*Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in French, Language and Literature in Department of French, Classics and Italian.**

Item 14 -passed: 9 yes, 2 No, 3 abstained.

15. **\*Request to change the requirements for the Educational Specialist degree in School Psychology in the Department of Counseling, educational Psychology, and Special Education.**

16. **\*Request to establish a Master of Arts degree in School Psychology in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Special Education.**

17. **\*Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in school Psychology in the Department of Counseling, Education Psychology and Special Education.**

Items 15-17 passed unanimously

18. **\*Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Biosystems Engineering in the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering.**

19. **\*Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Biosystems Engineering in the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering.**

Items 18-19 vote postponed to Oct 4, 2004. Departmental representative needed to answer questions.

20. **\*Request to establish a Graduate Specialization in Food and Agricultural Standards in the College of Agriculture and Natural resources and the College of Social Science.**

Item 20 – postponed to Oct 4, 2004

21. **COMMITTEE ON COLLEGE REORGANIZATION REPORT – Steve Esquith**

Esquith described the current status of the Committee's work, noted that information is available on the website, and made an impassioned case for the desirability of a single super college over other alternatives.

22. **ROUNDTABLE**

Arch raise the issue of the all dissertations must be in English rule, and asked that UGC consider the issue.

Anderson requested that UGC consider the changes in the Med School as they affect other units. Much interest in this was expressed.

Levine requested discussion of the availability of space for grad. students in out of department classes.

23. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:52