

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

CHAired BY: David S. Chapman **TIME:** 2:00 pm

DATE: 28 April 2008 **PLACE:** 300 Park Building

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Askren, Steve Bealer, Ann Marie Breznay, Nicki Camp, Julie Fritz, Bill Hesterly, Jay Mace, John Martinez, Pat Murphy, Sally Planalp, Kevin Rathunde, Patrick Tresco, Jingyi Zhu

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: David Chapman, Fred Rhodewalt, Lisa Blair, Graduate School; Ed Barbanell, Undergraduate Council

EXCUSED: John McDonnell, Nancy Nickman, Mary Jane Taylor, Robert Young

FINAL AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – 31 March 2008

The minutes of the 31 March 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Proposal to Change Names of Degrees in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

On behalf of Paul Tikalsky, Chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Dean Chapman presented a proposal to change the names of the degrees Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering and Master of Science in Civil Engineering to Doctor of Philosophy in Civil and Environmental Engineering and Master of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering. The name change is requested in order to keep the degree name consistent with the department name.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the proposal to change the names of the degrees.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Action: Inform the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, the Office of the Registrar, the Office of Graduate Records and the Graduate School Thesis Office of the Graduate Council's approval of the degree name changes.

3. Proposal to Change Names of Degrees in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

On behalf of Marc Bodson, Chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Dean Chapman presented a proposal to change the names of the degrees Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering and Master of Science in Electrical Engineering to Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical and Computer Engineering and Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering. The name change is requested in order to keep the degree name consistent with the department name.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the proposal to change the names of the degrees.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Action: Inform the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, the Office of Graduate Records and the Graduate School Thesis Office of the Graduate Council's approval of the degree name changes.

4. Proposal to Change Names of Degrees in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology

On behalf of William Crowley, Chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Dean Chapman presented a proposal to change the names of the degrees Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacology and Master of Science in Pharmacology to Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacology and Toxicology and Master of Science in Pharmacology and Toxicology. The name change is requested in order to keep the degree name consistent with the department name.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the proposal to change the names of the degrees.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Action: Inform the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, the Office of the Registrar, the Office of Graduate Records and the Graduate School Thesis Office of the Graduate Council's approval of the degree name changes.

5. Proposal to Create a New Department of Operations and Information Systems in the David Eccles School of Business

Don Wardell, Olivia Sheng and Bill Hesterly presented a proposal to create a new Department of Operations and Information Systems in the David Eccles School of Business.

The Department of Operations and Information Systems would be created by restructuring the Department of Management and the School of Accounting and Information Systems to create a department to house Information Systems and Operations Management.

The Department of Management is divided into three major areas of study: Operations Management, Organizational Behavior, and Strategic Management/Entrepreneurship. Operations Management would be better suited for the new department, as the new department is technology focused, and Information Systems complements and supports Operations Management.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the proposal to create a new Department of Operations and Information Systems in the David Eccles School of Business.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Action: Inform the David Eccles School of Business of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the proposal. The proposal will be forwarded to the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

6. Proposal to Create a New Degree of Master of Science in Information Systems in the David Eccles School of Business

Don Wardell, Olivia Sheng and Bill Hesterly presented a proposal to create a new degree of Master of Science in Information Systems in the David Eccles School of Business.

The Master of Science in Information Systems degree is a one year program that addresses a growing need for designing, implementing and administering secure data systems. The Information Systems courses cannot be accommodated in other masters programs in the David Eccles School of Business.

The David Eccles School of Business is restructuring to create a new Department of Operations and Information Systems, which would administer the degree. Currently, Information Systems is administered with Accounting, which is incompatible.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the proposal to create a new degree of Master of Science in Information Systems in the David Eccles School of Business.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Action: Inform the David Eccles School of Business of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the proposal. The proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the PRC of the Board of Regents.

7. Proposal to Create a Graduate Certificate in Women's Health in the Colleges of Nursing, Health, and Social Work

Patricia Murphy, Janet Shaw, Caren Frost, Stephanie Richardson and Kathleen Digre presented a proposal to create a Graduate Certificate in Women's Health in the Colleges of Nursing, Health, and Social Work.

With the increased attention to women's health issues, a cross-disciplinary program will serve student need, providing specialized education applicable to a number of fields related to women's health. The certificate addresses issues in women's health not currently addressed in traditional healthcare education

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the proposal to create a Graduate Certificate in Women's Health

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Action: Inform the Colleges of Nursing, Health, and Social Work of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the proposal. The proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

8. Graduate Council Review of the Department of Bioengineering

Nicki Camp, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, presented the Graduate Council review of the Department of Bioengineering.

The issue of external influence (USTAR) influencing future direction of the department was noted, and thus, the department should move forward in developing a comprehensive strategic plan.

The faculty with joint appointments was also addressed, with concern that a disproportionate number of faculty with joint appointments may affect the department's ability to remain cohesive and focused on future direction.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the review as amended

Vote: Approved unanimously

Action: The revised report will be discussed at the wrap-up meeting (in attendance: Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences, Chair of the Department of Bioengineering, Dean of the College of Engineering, and the Dean and Associate Dean of the Graduate School as facilitators). Following the wrap-up meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared by the Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Both the report and the Memorandum of Understanding will be sent to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

9. Graduate Council Review of the School of Music

Nicki Camp, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, presented the Graduate Council review of the School of Music.

Prefacing the addition of a recommendation not included in the external or internal reports, the Graduate Council's role in the review process is evaluative, not just descriptive. As such, the Ad Hoc Committee included a recommendation addressing diversity.

The School of Music Self-Study does not include information on the School's diversity efforts or gender and ethnicity numbers.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the review as amended

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Action: The revised report will be discussed at the wrap-up meeting (in attendance: Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Director of the School of Music, Dean of the College of Fine Arts, and the Dean and Associate Dean of the Graduate School as facilitators). Following the wrap-up meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared by the Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Both the report and the Memorandum of Understanding will be sent to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.