

# Meeting of the Graduate Council May 5, 2003

## Minutes

### Present

**Councilors:** Jon Bloch, Steve Burian, Gerry Lesley, Alan Friedlander, Michelle Merriweather, Clyde Weed, Jerry Hauselt, Hrvoje Podnar, Gwendolyn Nowlan, Joy Fopiano, Jin Jin Yang, Patricia Major, Kristy Hebert, Marianne Kennedy, Susan Killion, Joe Panza, Jim Thorson, Esther Howe, Hak Joon Kim, Norris Haynes, Kay Corbett, Barbara Worden

**Guests:** June Cheng, Sandra Holley,

### Call to Order

Chairman Jerome Hauselt called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm.

### Election of Officers for 2003-2004

Procedures Committee Chair Joy Fopiano presented the following slate of Officers for the Graduate Council for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Chair	Susan Killion	Nursing
Vice Chair	Gerry Lesley	Chemistry
Secretary	Jean Breny Bontempi	Public Health

The slate was approved unanimously.

### Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2003 was made, seconded, and approved by the Council.

### Announcements

*Office of the Academic Vice President*

**Dr. J. Philip Smith**

Dr. Smith was attending Honor's Convocation and was unable to make announcements.

*Office of the Dean of Graduates Studies*

**Sandra Holley**

The Dean of the Graduate School addressed the Council concerning the following issues:

1. Graduate Research Symposium was held on Thursday, May 1, 2003. Ten students presented their research with great success. Several Councilors who attended spoke with approval about the symposium.

2. Graduate Research Fellowships for 2003-2004 have been awarded. Students are currently being notified.

3. Noel Levitz Survey Results were presented. The gap between expectations and satisfaction was largest for safety issues. Dean Holley has brought these issues to the attention of those involved with the Master Plan. It was noted that this survey found statistically significant decreases in several areas concerning service compared to the previous survey. The Dean has also brought these results to the attention of the units which provide these services.

4. The Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Graduate Student Stipends made to President Adanti was distributed. The Committee is calling for the funding of 10 "Super GA's" at a rate of \$16,000 each. The large stipend would take the place of a tuition waiver, which would require an act of the State Legislature to institute. The Super GA would be competitively awarded to departments in a process similar to that of the Research Fellowships, and would supplement the existing numbers of GA's. The plan has been endorsed by President Adanti, and will exist in pilot form next year providing funding can be found. Marianne Kennedy, Michael Perlin, Cynthia McDaniels, Kenneth Florey, Mary Brown, and Bob Axtel served on this Committee.

## **Committee Reports**

### ***Procedures***

**Patricia Major**

It was noted that Judith Buzzell had been approved by the Council at the March 3 meeting. The following individuals were recommended by the Procedures Committee, and approved by the Graduate Council, to be members of the graduate faculty: Dr. Clair Novosad (PSY), Dr. Joseph Fields (MAT) and Dr. Pearson (PCH).

The Annual Report of the Procedures Committee was disseminated and is included with these minutes.

### ***Curriculum***

**Clyde Weed**

There were five courses recommended by the Curriculum Committee and approved by the Graduate Council. They were: ENG 579: Comparative Studies of the Essay; ILS 521: Children's Services in the Public Library; ILS 522: Young Adult Services in the Public Library; REC 534: Advanced Practice in Therapeutic recreation Programming; and SWK 530: Social Work Practice in Educational Settings. SWK 530 and ILS 522 were recommended *with minor revisions*. All five courses were approved by the Council.

The Annual Report of the Curriculum Committee was disseminated and is included with these minutes.

### ***Academic Standards***

**Susan Killion**

Susan Killion thanked the ASC for their hard work and gave the Annual Report of the Academic Standards Committee, which is included with these minutes. Programs due for 5 year reviews 2003-2004 were announced following the regular rotation schedule. Councilors were asked to remind these programs.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

1. Graduate Program Review – Environmental Education, ISIS, and LEARNscience. Dr. Susan Cusato presented the Master's program in Environmental Education and the ISIS Sixth Year Certificate program. She reported that LEARNscience was being phased out and no report would be submitted. Following the presentation, the recommendation of the Academic Standards Committee was made for *conditional approval* of the Master's program in Environmental Education, the ISIS Sixth Year Certificate program, and the LEARNscience graduate program was approved by the Council with one abstention.
2. Graduate Program Review – Educational Foundations. No report was submitted from this program. The recommendation of the Academic Standards Committee for *conditional approval* of the ISIS Sixth Year Certificate in Educational Foundations was approved unanimously by the Council.
3. Acknowledgment. Chairman Hauselt commended the Graduate Council for their enthusiasm, collegiality, and hard work during his terms in office. He noted that Graduate Council has made his Mondays much more enjoyable. Chairman Hauselt was then thanked by Susan Killion for his dedicated service and very capable leadership of the Council for the past two years.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Hauselt adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Killion for Jean M. Breny Bontempi, Secretary