

Council of Graduate School Programs
March 20, 2009
Minutes
Beane Hall, WTC

Members Present: Gad Bensinger, Pamela Caughie, Kenneth Byron, Andrew Cutrofello, Allison Fagan, Pamela Fenning, Andrew Harrington, Holly Kramer, James Marley, E.J. Neafsey, Lee Schmidt, Peter Schraeder, Annette Steinacker, Scott Tindale, Maria Trakas, Karen Visick, Jana Wingo.

Members Excused: Elizabeth Vera, Paul Chiarelli, Mark Engberg, Terry Grande, Suzanne Kaufman, Robert Roemer, Anne Figert.

Members Absent: Robert DiVito, Mitchell Denning, Olympia Gonzalez, Robert Halpern, Phong Le, Mary Manteuffel, Joseph Mayne, Ruben Mestril, Bren Murphy, Jason Myers, Timothy O'Brien, Kayhan Parsi, Bryan Pickett.

Graduate School Members Present: Samuel Attoh, Jessica Horowitz, Patricia Mooney-Melvin, Fred Wezeman.

Meeting Convened: 1:15

I. February minutes approved unanimously.

II. IT support for facilitating collaboration- Dan Vonder Heide and others from ITS demonstrated new videoconferencing capabilities for all 3 campuses. Group discussed the use of this technology for frequently for subsequent meetings.

III. Cross-Campus collaborations- Draft from subcommittee was distributed. Council will vote on revised document in the April meeting. Several additions to the Interdisciplinary programs were suggested, including University Centers of Excellence, Neuroscience and Molecular Biology, Catholic World Studies, Overseas Centers, and School-based Institutes.

IV. Awards Committee- Pamela Caughie mentioned that the Graduate Faculty of the Year and the Dissertation/Thesis of the Year will be announced next month. In addition, the Awards committee would like to propose a change to the Graduate Faculty of the Year award to reflect more similarly the Faculty of the Year award. Tighter guidelines are needed and a more systematic approach is suggested. Pamela will write up a formal proposal and present it at the April meeting.

V. Curriculum Committee- Pat Mooney-Melvin reported that the committee requests that changes should be submitted at beginning of year rather than waiting until spring, which causes a back log of work.

Two items were discussed for the meeting:

Affairs/Public Policy submitted a cluster of courses including MPP 605 (Master's Study), MPP 499 (Directed Readings), and MPP 501 (Internship). Vote on approval of all courses was unanimous.

The second item was the modification to the Doctoral program in Nursing and associated courses. These changes, including modification of existing courses, structure changes, course credit changes and addition of courses were a result of the Academic Program Review committee as well as program data from comparative institutions. The council approved all of the changes unanimously.

VI. Graduate Student Activities – Allison Fagan reported that the Graduate Research Symposium on March 21st was a great success. Thirty students gave full presentations and 11 had poster presentations. Also, 3 students, all from the School of Social Work received awards for the interdisciplinary essay contest.

VII. Good news from the Dean- Dean Attoh thanked the Graduate Student Advisory Committee for all of their good work.

First, the ACE fellowship meeting and Council of Graduate Schools (CGSO) national meeting displayed great optimism for Higher Education with the new Obama Administration. The Stimulus package will support more research across disciplines at many institutions, including NEH money that can support a new Master's in Digital Humanities, and an increase in NSF funding of graduate fellowships and minority students in STEM fields. Overall, graduate programs should take advantage of these new upcoming opportunities.

Another issue involves graduate education at the President's Leadership Retreats (handout). Several strategies have been added to help support cross-collaboration with the Lakeside campuses and LUMC. Now the key challenge is to move forward with organizational and structural pieces to break down barriers between the campuses.

Dean Attoh also mentioned the Academic Research Forum on April 24th from 4:00 – 6:00 at the Simpson Multi-Purpose Room at the Lake Shore campus. A shuttle will be available between LUMC and LSC for the event.

The Global Initiative Fund (GIF) is doing well and is being used as leverage to support activities for graduate education and research at Loyola.

VIII. Future Executive Committee – Will need Vice-Chair, Member-at-large, Awards committee members, and Curriculum committee members for next year (current Vice-Chair will become Chair – Anne Figert). It is suggested that the council alternate between LSC and LUMC for Vice-Chair/Chair so next year's Vice Chair should come from LUMC.

IX. New Business – Announcement that Diane Shaw, long-time Administrative Assistant at the Graduate School is retiring. All are welcome to write a statement to be included in a book for her. Also, Pamela Caughie mentioned an article in *Academe* addressing Graduate student concerns about the current job market, especially in the Humanities. Council had discussion about future emphasis on the humanities area and less on MBA and other business-related degrees. Dean

Attoh recommended “Wholly in Mind” by Daniel Pink, which describes the movement from the Digital Age to the Conceptual Age and the new emphasis on the Humanities fields.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50.