

**Council of Graduate School Programs  
Loyola University Chicago  
Regular Meeting  
Friday, September 22, 2006  
25 East Pearson, Room 1255, Water Tower Campus**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Antoine Aubeneau (student), Ana Bedard (student), Gad Bensinger, Anthony Cardoza, Pamela Caughie, Andrew Cutrofello, Anne Figert, Paul Giblin (for Robert Ludwig), Terry Grande, Andrew Harrington, Nancy Hogan, Marilyn Krogh, Jacqueline Long, Rueben Mestril, E.J. Neafsey, Lou Rizzo (student), Robert Roemer, Peter Sanchez, George Thiruvathukal, Scott Tindale, Elizabeth Vera.

**Members Excused:** David Crumrine, Robert DiVito, Thackery Gray, Mary Manteuffel, Terry Northcut, Kayhan Parsi, Karen Visik, Alan Wolfe

**Members Not Present:** Kenneth Byron, Stephen Doty, Pamela Fenning, Olympia Gonzalez, Robert Halpern, James Keenan, Holly Kramer, Grace Scrimgeour (student), Suzette Speight, Diane Suter, Terry Williams

**Graduate School Deans:** Samuel Attoh, Nicole Lassahn, Patricia Mooney-Melvin

**Graduate School Deans Excused:** Fred Wezeman

**Call to Order**

Dr. George Thiruvathukal, chair of the Council, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Dr. Thiruvathukal asked if there were any revisions to the draft of the minutes of the April 21, 2006, regular meeting. There were none. *The Council approved the minutes by voice vote.*

**Chair's Report**

Dr. Thiruvathukal welcomed the members of the 2006-2007 Council of Graduate School Programs. He indicated that Dr. Patricia Mooney-Melvin's move to the Graduate School left the chair-elect position open. He asked that members consider stepping up to fill this slot.

Dr. Thiruvathukal announced that he planned to structure council meetings so that there always was time at the conclusion of the meeting for an exchange of ideas.

**Dean's Report**

Dr. Samuel Attoh, Dean of the Graduate School, reported that the Graduate School met its fall 2006 enrollment targets. The enrollment figures for the MA degree rose from 888 to 893. The Ph.D. enrollment figures dropped from 126 to 121.

Dean Attoh set forth the goals of the Graduate School for AY2006-2007. The goals are as follows:

- Develop and Achieve consensus on Models of Excellence for Doctoral and Master's programs
- Fostering Cross-Disciplinary and Campus Programs
- Graduate Student Support, including competitive funding, implementation of programs to stimulate greater student success, and internship policies.
- Mission-related initiatives, including global engagement, social responsibility and justice, and increased diversity

Dean Attoh also updated the Council on the National Research Council study progress. He encouraged 100 percent participation in the various components of the study and answered questions relating to the various stages of the process.

### **Consent Agenda**

*The Council approved the two Curriculum Committee items on the consent agenda by a unanimous voice vote:*

- Proposal for a new course on Public Health Ethics and Policy, which will be an elective course for students enrolled in the Master's Program in Bioethics.
- A proposal for changes in the M.A. Program in Cultural and Educational Policy Studies, which increases the number of electives and foundational course options for students.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Curriculum:** Dr. Elizabeth Vera reported that the Committee had received two proposals for new programs: the Master of Science Degree Program in Applied Statistics from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics and the Rome Master of Arts program for Pastoral Care and counseling from the Institute for Pastoral Studies. In addition, Dr. Vera indicated that the committee needed more help given the anticipated volume of new programs and courses this academic year. Dr. Terry Grande offered to join the committee and Dr. Thiruvathukal suggested that the at-large member of the Executive Committee help the Curriculum Committee as well.
- **Program Review:** No report.
- **Awards:** Dr. Thiruvathukal reported for Dr. Thackery Gray that the committee will issue a call for awards for the May commencement ceremony in the near future.
- **By-Laws:** No report.

### **New Business/Open Discussion**

- Faculty members inquired about commencing a discussion on the role of 300-level courses in graduate programs and Dr. Thiruvathukal indicated that this issue will be an agenda item for an upcoming meeting.
- During a discussion on the problem of late registration, numerous faculty members asked if the amount of the late registration fee could be raised as a deterrent to this practice on the part of students.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m. and a brief welcome reception followed in situ.