

**Council of Graduate School Programs
Loyola University Chicago
Regular Meeting
Friday, October 20, 2006
25 East Pearson, Room 1255, Water Tower Campus**

MINUTES

Members Present: Gad Bensinger, Kenneth Byron, Martin Buntinas (for Stephen Doty), Andrew Cutrofello, Robert DiVito, Anne Figert, Jan Florian (for David Crumrine), Peter Gilmour (for Robert Ludwig), Terry Grande, Andrew Harrington, Marilyn Krogh, Jacqueline Long, E.J. Neafsey, Kayhan Parsi, Robert Roemer, Peter Sanchez, Grace Scrimgeour (student), George Thiruvathukal, Scott Tindale, Terry Williams, Meng-Jia Wu (for Pamela Fenning).

Members Excused: Ana Bedard (student), Pamela Caughie, Anthony Cardoza, Olympia Gonzalez, Thackery Gray, Holly Kramer, Mary Manteuffel, Ruben Mestril, Elizabeth Vera, Karen Visick.

Members Not Present: Antoine Aubeneau (student), Janis Fine, Robert Halpern, James Keenan, Ameet Kini, Terry Northcut, Lou Rizzo (student), Suzette Speight, Diane Sutter, Alan Wolfe, Nancy Zeleznik-Le.

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

Graduate School Deans Excused: Fred Wezeman

Guests: Dr. Patrick Boyle, Assistant Provost for International Affairs; Dr. Paul Giblin (IPS); Dr. Diane Maloney (IPS); Bill Schmidt (IPS)

Call to Order

Dr. George Thiruvathukal, chair of the Council, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Guest Presentation

Dr. Patrick Boyle gave a presentation of Loyola's globalization plans, with particular attention on how they related to graduate education. Discussion followed. Topics raised during the discussion period included the Rome Scholars Program, research funding for graduate students, accreditation, housing visiting international faculty, and the integration of the Medical School campus into the University's globalization plans and opportunities. Other topics under discussion included the need to streamline admission policies for international and professional students. The Dean suggested that this could be a topic for Council to discuss further.

Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Thiruvathukal asked if there were any revisions to the draft of the minutes of the September 22, 2006 regular meeting. There were none. *The Council approved the minutes with two abstentions.*

Election of the Chair Elect

Dr. Thiruvathukal nominated Dr. Kayhan Parsi to the position of Chair Elect vacated by Dr. Patricia Mooney-Melvin when she became Associate Dean of the graduate School. There were no other nominations. *The Council unanimously approved his election.*

Chair's Report

Dr. Thiruvathukal discussed the importance of full participation at Council meetings. He reviewed the bylaws statements on attendance and curriculum review. He presented a proposal to amend the curriculum review procedure in the bylaw to provide guidelines for the review of new programs or changes to programs. He proposed the establishment of two ad hoc committees to examine the academic policy issues relating to (1) the practice of counting undergraduate classes for graduate credit and (2) reinstatement and late registration policies and fees. A sign-up sheet for these committees was circulated among those present at the meeting.

Dean's Report

Dr. Samuel Attoh discussed the faculty and student questionnaires that will be part of the National Research Council's data gathering initiative. The Dean indicated that he would like to have an ad hoc committee to examine the nature of the interdisciplinary activity on campus. The goal for this committee would be to produce a white paper outlining a course of action. The Dean reminded Council members about the Community Steward Fellowship deadline of November 15, 2006. He announced that the Administration had approved The Graduate School's request for a health insurance subsidy for funded students for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Awards Committee

In the absence of Dr. Thackery Gray, Dr. Thiruvathukal presented the Awards Committee report. The Committee will send out the announcement about the Council awards in the near future.

Program Review Committee

No report.

By-Laws Committee

No report.

Curriculum Committee

In the absence of Dr. Elizabeth Vera, Dr. Thiruvathukal presented the Curriculum Committee Report.

The Committee approved the proposed Applied Statistics MS program from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. While it raised a couple of points for clarification, the Committee recommended approval. ***The Council unanimously approved the Applied Statistics Program.***

The Committee indicated continuing reservations about the proposed MA in Pastoral Care and Counseling (IPS summer Rome Program). A lively and informative discussion ensued. The Council voted to table the proposal and encouraged IPS to submit a revised proposal that reflected issues raised by the committee as well as during the discussion.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.