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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
September 10, 2007

The Graduate School

The Graduate Council met on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 2:30p.m. in room 311 of the Byrnes Building with Dr. Naomi Farber presiding.

Graduate Council members present: Naomi Farber, Chair; Marianne Bickle, Xiaomin Deng, Louise Jennings, Gregory Hand, JoAnne Herman, Scott Huebner, Zach Kelehear, Andrew Shifflet (represented by William Rivers), Oggie Trifonov, Irma Van Scoy, and Lynn Zoch.

Graduate Council members absent: Satish Jayachandran, Lucia Pirisi-Creek, Barry Markovsky, George Voulgaris

Graduate School Representatives: Jim Buggy, Stan Dubinsky

Provost Office Representative: Aileen Trainer

NOTE: These minutes will become final on October 22, 2007, if not challenged.

1. **Chair's remarks** (Naomi Farber)

Underwhelming response for committee assignments leaves us needing to focus on this issue. Opened nominations for vice-chair. Lynn Zoch nominates Zach Kelehear. Nominations closed. Zach Kelehear elected by acclamation.

2. **Approval of minutes** ([Minutes of the August 27, 2007](#))

Change (p. 2) 2nd and 4th Tuesday” to “2nd and 4th Monday”. Approved by acclamation.

3. **Report of the Graduate Dean** (Jim Buggy)

Consideration of proposal tracking chart. Pending and Approved status of proposals is noted on the webpage/chart. Announcement for an asst. dean for the Graduate School. Responsibility for working with GC and GS academic affairs. Envisioned as a faculty position. Need person to work with university data, produce various reports. Anthony Edwards was previously responsible for such efforts.

One other staff position is advertised (coordinator position) with role for GC and for HR.

VanScoy asked what if a faculty person is not interested in the Asst Dean slot? Depending on what the application pool is like, the description of the job or the duties may change.

Lynn Zoch asked about notification of website changes ... noting that it is much more user friendly. Jim Buggy will announce the changes once we have reached a point where many of the changes have been implemented. Notification was suggested to faculty, in addition to grad dirs, chairs, and admin support staff.

4. **Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (Zach Kelehear)

Recommended by the committee for approval by GC:

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Political Science
New Course Proposals:
[POLI 721 \(click for PDF\)](#)

Approved, unanimously.

College of Mass Communications and Information Studies
School of Library and Information Science
New Course Proposals:
[SLIS 758 \(click for PDF\)](#)

Approved, unanimously.

Also, approved for J (distance delivery).

Awaiting revisions from the department, the committee recommends no action be taken:

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Sociology
New Course Proposals:
[SOCY 777 \(click for PDF\)](#)

5. **Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee**
(Oggie Trifonov)

No report.

6. **Report of the Petitions and Appeals Committee** (Chair, TBA)

No business for the committee at this time.

7. **Report of the 500/600 Level Courses Committee**

No report.

8. **Other Committee Reports**

Fellowship committee has 4 former members of GC staying on. Travel awards were made internally in the GS for this cycle, there as yet being no chair or set membership for the Fellowships committee. Dubinsky explained the awards process, criteria, and outcome.

9. **Old Business**

Committee assignments:

Current members of Humanities cmt: Kelehear (chair), Zoch

Current members of Science cmt: Trifonov (chair), Hand

Jim Buggy suggests the following additional assignments ...

Additional members for Science cmt: Deng

Additional members for Humanities: Huebner

For Petitions and appeals: Herman (chair), Gold (currently Jennings), Shiflett (currently Rivers)

For Program Review Cmt: Bickle (chair), Jayachandran

For Policies and Procedures Cmt: Farber (chair), VanScoy, Voulgaris

For Fellowships: Pirisi-Creek (chair), Addy, Holt, Lyons, Wieder

10. **New Business**

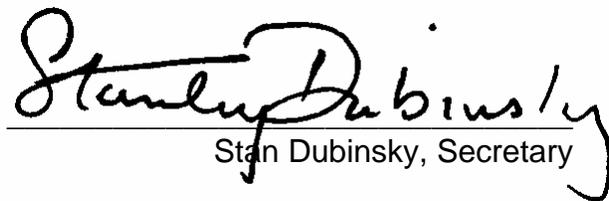
None.

11. **Good of the Order**

Thanks for all the good work.

12. **Adjournment**

At 3:58 pm


Stan Dubinsky, Secretary

c:

President Andrew A. Sorensen

Provost Mark P. Becker

Deans

Department Chairs

Graduate Directors

Barbara Blaney, University Registrar

Jodie Morris, Office of the Registrar

Gail Stephens, Office of the Registrar

Thom Harman, University Publications

Nancy Floyd, Office of Institutional Assessment and Compliance

Report: Committee on the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs

(For consideration by the Graduate Council at its September 10, 2007)

The Committee requests that any department which has a proposal being recommended by the Committee on the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs provide a spokesperson to attend the Graduate Council meeting in which said proposal is to be recommended.

Please contact Zach Kelehear (Education) in advance if errors are noted, either by phone: 777-0323 or by email: dzk@sc.edu.

1. College of Mass Communications and Information Studies
School of Library and Information Science
New Course Proposals:

SLIS758 Consumer Healthy Resources and Information Services
Concepts and current trends in the creation, implementation, and evaluation of adult consumer health resources and services, including health informatics and e-health

Also, the committee recommends that the course be approved for Distance Education.

2. College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Sociology (NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN TODAY)
New Course Proposals:

SOCY777 Evolution, Altruism, and Morality
Analysis of research on the biological and cultural evolution of altruism, and other moral and prosocial behaviors

- Department of Political Science
New Course Proposals:

POLI721 Race and Public Policy
A survey of the most recent and state-of-the-art scholarship on race and American policy