

**Minutes
University Graduate Council
February 27, 2008**

Present: William McDaniel (Chair), Business Presiding; John Morris, Education; Deborah Floyd, Education; Elwood Hamlin II, CAUPA; Ali Zilouchian, Engineering; Charles Roberts, Science; Susan Chase, Nursing; Khaled Sobhan, Engineering; Ronald Nyhan, CAUPA; Larry Liebovitch, Science; John Bernardin, Business

Excused Absence: Xupei Huang, Biomedical Science; Doug Broadfield, Arts & Letters; Ruth McCaffrey, Nursing; Emily Asbury, Graduate Student Association; Ben Lowe, Arts & Letters; Massimo Caputi, Biomedical Science

Others Present: Barry Rosson, Graduate College; Susan Fulks, Graduate College

The meeting was called to order by Dr. McDaniel at 1:30 p.m.

- I. **The minutes from the January 23, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.**
- II. **Discussion of Graduate College Governance Document**

Zilouchian moved to add language to the end of paragraph I.C. This motion was seconded by Nyhan, and the Council approved unanimously. The added language reads as follows: “No provision in this document shall be construed to supersede the authority of the College Deans with regard to their broad responsibilities concerning their faculty members and students; this includes their ability to delegate authority and duties to those within their college.”

Motion to change “program, department, school, or college” to “academic unit” throughout the document, and to add a note under section I.D. defining the term “academic unit” as it is used in the document, was initiated by Nyhan and seconded by Liebovitch, with the Council approving unanimously.

Bernardin moved to change E.1.c. from “recent active and productive scholarship” to “recent [within five years immediately preceding application for readmission] active and productive scholarship”. Nyhan seconded this motion. The council voted not to approve the motion (10,1).

Motion to change language in section II.C.1.a. to “clinical, research scientist/faculty, and affiliate research faculty inclusive” was initiated by

Liebovitch and seconded by Bernardin, with the Council approving unanimously.

Chase moved to insert the words “academic unit” in section II.C.4. This motion was seconded by Morris, with the Council approving unanimously.

Motion to add language to section II.C.1.a. was initiated by Liebovitch and seconded by Bernardin with the Council approving unanimously. The added language reads: “Under exceptional circumstances, faculty members with a comparable level of expertise may apply for status as Graduate Faculty”.

Zilouchian moved to amend the language in section II.E.2.a. This motion was seconded by Morris, with the Council approving unanimously. The new added language reads: “All Graduate Lecturers and Graduate Faculty Emeriti shall have appointments that are valid only for the particular function for which they are approved, and for a specific duration of time, but not more than five years”.

Floyd moved to change the name of the document from “Graduate College Governance Document” to “Graduate Faculty Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines”. Roberts seconded this motion and the topic was discussed by the Council. After discussion, the Council voted not to make this change (10, 1).

Motion to amend the language in section II.E.4.c. was initiated by Zilouchian and seconded by Morris, with the Council approving unanimously. The revised sentence reads: “The faculty member shall be allowed to provide evidence in support of his or her view to the University Graduate Council”.

Liebovitch moved to add a sentence to sections II.F.2.a. and II.F.3.a. This motion was seconded by Nyhan, with the Council approving unanimously. The new sentence reads: “Graduate Faculty not employed by the university (such as affiliated research faculty” may not chair a committee alone but may co-chair a committee with a co-chair employed by the university”.

Zilouchian moved to change the language in II.G.1.g. This motion was seconded by Hamlin, with the Council approving unanimously. The new language is as follows: “Actions taken by the Graduate Faculty as a whole shall supersede any action taken by the University Graduate Council.”

Motion to amend the language in section II.G.1.a. was initiated by Liebovitch and seconded by Roberts with the Council approving unanimously. The new language reads: "...or by petition signed by 10% of the voting members of the Graduate Faculty".

Floyd moved to revise language in sections II.C.1.c. and II.C.2.c. This motion was seconded by Roberts, with the Council approving unanimously. The revised II.C.1.c. reads: "Be actively involved in scholarly activity, graduate teaching or graduate mentoring". The revised II.C.2.c. reads: "Be actively involved in scholarly activity or graduate teaching".

Bernardin moved to add language to section G.I.a. This motion was seconded by Morris, with the Council approving unanimously. The approved added language reads: "The University Graduate Council has the responsibility for setting the time for the meeting. At the meeting, the Chair of the University Graduate Council will act as chair pro tem for the special session with the singular initial task of overseeing the election of the ad hoc Session Chair. The Session Chair will serve over all other business for the Special Session".

Nyhan moved to send the revised document (after revisions from these minutes are made to the document) to the UFS. This motion was seconded by Chase. The Council voted in favor of the document going forward to Senate (7,3).

The Council decided that if/when the document was approved by the UFS, the Graduate Faculty would have to approve the document by two-thirds of a quorum. The quorum will be defined as 10% of the Graduate Faculty. The document will then be sent back to the Faculty Senate to deal with constitutional changes, if needed.

Zilouchian moved to change the language in section III. This motion was seconded by Chase with the Council approving unanimously. The revised sentence reads: "All amendments must be approved by a two-thirds majority of those casting a vote, provided at least 10% of the entire Graduate Faculty vote".

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

