



GRADUATE COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on May 6, 2009

- Present:* Dean Vogelsang-Coombs, Professors Medina-Rivera, Dixit, Goodell, Simon, Holcomb, Weyman, Bowen, Chieh-Chieh Bowen, Mensforth, Delgado, and Bailey
- Absent/Excused:* Professors Karem, Bathala, Ingersoll, Gatica, Weinstein, Rudd, Smith, and Thornton
- Guests:* Dr. Miron Kaufman, Dr. Murad Hizlan, Dr. Wendy Kellogg, Dr. Jennifer Alexander

Dean Vogelsang-Coombs called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. **Approval of the Agenda.** Dean Coombs went over the agenda items.
2. **Approval of April 6, 2009 Minutes.** The minutes from April 6, 2009 were approved as written.
3. **Dean's Remarks**
 - The Dean thanked Council members for their service this past year, including those whose terms are expiring.
 - The Dean thanked Dr. Bill Bailey for his service to the University and presented him with a plaque from the College of Graduate Studies.
 - Deborah L. Brown, from the Urban College, has joined the Graduate Studies staff as the Interim Assistant Director of Graduate Admissions.
 - Chuck Newton has been working with the Marketing Department to strengthen the Graduate Studies web site and Catalog. Contact him for any questions or help.
 - A Cool Cleveland event was held with the Executives-in-Residence on April 22, 2009. It drew over 300 people from the area. The success of the event has prompted discussion of another event involving the Executives-in-Residence.
 - The 2009 Annual Graduate Faculty meeting was held on April 29, 2009 with approximately 45 attending.
 - A Graduate Student Advisory Committee (GSAC) has been created. It's an officially recognized University organization. Its leadership is active on getting GSAC known and involved with graduate students.
 - The schedule of Graduate Council meeting dates for 2009-2010 was shared. Meetings will be the second week of each month, alternating days of the week. See attachment of dates.

4. Continuing Business

Dr. Kaufman again presented the PDP for a Doctor of Medical Physics. Slight adjustments, including the budget, have been made, the Provost has given approval, and the acronym chosen is MPD. Dr. Kaufman agreed to include syllabi in the PDP sent to RACGS. The proposal was approved by Council.

5. New Business

a. Graduate Faculty Elections—Council elections are proceeding, and the final ballot was recently mailed to graduate faculty members. A list of faculty interested in serving on the Graduate Council Committees was circulated. Members were chosen by consensus to fill available vacancies.

b. By-laws voting—Seven changes to the by-laws are up for voting by the Graduate Faculty. The ballots were mailed. The results will be available when final tallies are made. The adoption of the changes require a 2/3 vote of those voting.

c. 3+1+1 in Electrical Engineering—Professor Hizlan presented information on the 3+1+1 in Electrical Engineering proposal. Students will study at Bahcesehir University for 3 years. They will spend their fourth year at Cleveland State University as a non-degree student and will receive their undergraduate degree from Bahcesehir. They will be admitted to CSU for the fifth year as a graduate student in the Master's degree program in Electrical Engineering from Cleveland State. After questions and discussion, the proposal was approved pending the provisos of (1) the inclusion of a CISP evaluation in calculating student's final cumulative GPA and (2) language from the Dean about admission.

d. Certificate in Nonprofit Management—Changes to the Certificate in Nonprofit Management were proposed and explained by Levin Associate Dean Wendy Kellogg. Required courses have been reduced from 4 to 2 courses and certificate students must chose two electives instead of one from a list of approved courses. The changes are proposed to reduce redundancy and strengthen the certificate program. The proposal passed.

e. Executive Graduate Council Committee—The Graduate Council established a quorum of 6 faculty members to conduct business during the summer 2009 semester.

6. Committee Reports: One report was presented, as follows:

a. Graduate Faculty Review—Fifty graduate faculty members were considered for renewal of their graduate faculty status—49 for a 5-year term and 1 for a 3-year term. The Committee recommended all renewals and Council approved all of the recommendations.

Summer faculty expirations—A motion was made to extend to the fall semester those graduate faculty whose terms expire in summer 2009 semester. The motion passed. Graduate faculty whose terms expire in summer 2009 will be notified of the extension.

8. Announcements or Information, FYI—The Provost has given approval for an internal search for a half-time Associate Dean. Dean Coombs asked for interested Graduate Council members to serve on the search committee.

9. Applause & Accomplishments: Professor Weyman was congratulated on her recent \$900,000 grant for research in Molecular Cardiovascular Innovation.

10. Next Meeting: The next Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 200 of Parker-Hannifin Hall. .

11. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.