



GRADUATE COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on April 13, 2010

- Present:* Dean Vogelsang-Coombs, Professors Klinger, Bathala, Loovis, Gatica, Sridhar, Weinstein, Holcomb, Doerder, Vaughn, Jeffres, Delgado, Thornton, Jeffers
- Absent/Excused:* Professors Medina-Rivera, Appan, Ingersoll, Rudd, Spicer, Chieh-Chen Bowen, Kostea
- Guests:* Professors Perloff (Communication), Govea (Political Science), Tumeo (Engineering)

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

1. Approval of March 8, 2010 Minutes. The Council approved the minutes as written.

2. Dean's Remarks

- ❖ Graduate admits and enrollments for Fall 2010 are ahead of last year's numbers for this time period. IS & T reports applications up by 16% and admits up 25% as of April 12, 2010.
- ❖ The Board of Trustees approved a 4.5% (\$475.25/credit hour for resident graduate students) tuition increase, effective Fall 2010, Spring 2011 and Summer 2011.
 - i. \$896/credit hour for non-resident master's students (3.9% increase)
 - ii. \$643.55/credit hour for non-resident doctoral students enrolled later than 2004 (4.2% increase)
 - iii. \$896/credit hour for non-resident doctoral students enrolled **prior** to 2004
 - The Board of Trustees will be looking at this differentiation.
 - iv. The Law School's tuition increases are between 7.3 and 7.6%.
- ❖ The Graduate Council elections are in progress and being done electronically.
 - i. Turnout has been 56% for the first round of voting, a great increase!
 - ii. An electronic ballot will be sent out soon to vote on the proposed changes to the By-Laws approved by Graduate Council in March. A two-thirds vote is required to adopt the changes, and the results will be forwarded to the University Faculty Affairs Committee.
- ❖ The College of Graduate Studies will be conducting an online exit survey for graduate students graduating in Spring and Summer 2010.
- ❖ There are 20 Ph.D. candidates expected for the May 2010 commencement.
- ❖ Graduate assistantship allocations for FY 2011 have increased by \$359,549 (4.3%).

- ❖ Dr. Coombs thanked Professors Sridhar, Klinger, Doerder and Vaughn for being a part of the Ad Hoc Committee working on ideas for increasing Ph.D. stipends. Following more research on the issue, minutes will be posted to our web site.
- ❖ Two Program Development Plans were submitted to RACGS: a Master of Legal Studies and a M.S. in Computer Engineering.
- ❖ 4+1 brochures have been produced; a Ph.D.-specific brochure is in the planning stages.
- ❖ A question of jurisdiction involving the Graduate Council/Graduate College and the University Curriculum Committee has been referred to the President of Faculty Senate and to University Faculty Affairs Committee for clarification.
- ❖ The annual Graduate Faculty meeting will be Tuesday, April 20 in UR 254, the Bonda Seminar Room. The meeting will include lunch.
- ❖ The Dean traveled to FIU and conducted a program review of a Ph.D. program based on the Carnegie Initiative on the Doctorate.

3. Continuing Business

- a. Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Science
 - ❖ UCC had extensive comments about the budget. The College of Science made corrections, updated their spreadsheet, and forwarded a corrected copy to Graduate Studies for submission to RACGS.
 - ❖ The proposal is a model because it draws faculty from every college on campus. The Dean commended the College of Science. The new degree is inclusive of every college and the PDP is a great example of coordinating what we already do into a new Ph.D. program.

4. New Business

- a. Strategic Communication (4+1)
 - ❖ This 4+1 program will combine the Master's in Applied Communication Theory & Methodology with the Communication undergraduate program.
 - ❖ The proposal was unanimously approved by Council members.
- b. Joint B.A. International Relations/M.A. Global Interactions
 - ❖ Professor Govea briefly discussed the pending proposal and answered questions.
 - ❖ Students will receive their bachelor's degree in International Relations at Bahcesehir, after they spend their fourth undergraduate year at Cleveland State University. They will receive their master's degree in Global Interactions in the fifth year.
 - ❖ The proposal was unanimously approved.
- c. B.S./M.S.: 4+1 in Biology (non-thesis)
 - ❖ With limited discussion, the proposal was unanimously approved.
- d. Proposed changes in the policies regarding undergraduates taking graduate courses, and university graduate degree requirements

1. Proposed Policy Change: The proposed revised section (with deletions shown in strike-through and additions shown in ***bold italics***) would read:

A student who is a candidate for a master's degree must fulfill the College of Graduate Studies' residence requirement of having earned at least sixteen credit hours of acceptable graduate credit (with course grades of B or better) while enrolled *in the College of Graduate Studies at Cleveland State University*.

2. Proposed Policy Change in Catalog: The proposed revised section (with deletions shown in strike-through and additions shown in ***bold italics***) would read:

~~Students who are accepted for an accelerated 4+1 program may apply or transfer a maximum of 12 graduate credit hours taken while an undergraduate. No additional graduate credit hours taken as an undergraduate may be applied or transferred to the graduate record.~~

An undergraduate student who is pursuing a baccalaureate degree at Cleveland State University may take one or more (maximum of nine credit hours) graduate courses, at the 500 level only, if the student meets all of the following conditions. (***All the remaining policy would remain unchanged.***)

Unchanged

- The student must be within thirty credits of graduation;
- The student must have an overall grade-point average of 2.75 or better through the preceding semester;
- The student must have a 3.0 or better grade-point average in the major field.
- The student must obtain permission from his or her advisor, the instructor of the course, and the department chair, via signatures on the Undergraduate Request for Graduate Course form which can be found at:

<http://www.csuohio.edu/gradcollege/students/pdf/undergradstudentpermission.pdf>

An undergraduate student who is deficient in any of the above conditions may not take a graduate course unless the request is approved by the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies. Credit for these courses—up to a maximum of nine credits for courses in which the grade received is B or above— may be applied at a later point to a graduate degree program provided that the credit was not used to satisfy baccalaureate degree requirements. Internal transfer of credit is subject to transfer credit regulations and procedures.

- ❖ The Council's discussion focused on pedagogical issues, financial issues, and the socialization of master's students. During the deliberation, the record was corrected concerning the graduation of a 4+1 Civil Engineering student. This student was permitted to graduate and Dr. Tumeo, representing the College of Engineering, confirmed his graduation.
- ❖ The Council approved both policy changes, with the following recommendation to Treasury Services: At the point of submission of courses for banking, a transfer fee should be assessed so that students pay the difference between graduate and undergraduate tuition. This recommendation should apply to all students who bank credits, not only the 4+1 students.

- e. Liaison Role (non-voting member) to the University Research Council to strengthen institutional linkages. The University Research Council works independently of the Graduate Council and is under the direction of the Vice President for Research. Professor Vaughn is the Graduate Council/Graduate Faculty representative.
 - ❖ A proposal was made to have the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies as a non-voting member of the University Research Council in addition to the elected representative.
 - ❖ An alternative proposal was made that in addition to the elected representative from the graduate faculty, the Associate Dean be a voting member on the University Research Council.
 - ❖ The Council passed the alternative proposal unanimously.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Faculty Senate
 - i. Professor Mittie Davis Jones was elected the Vice President of Faculty Senate.
 - ii. All graduate proposals from UCC passed at the Senate.
- b. University Admissions & Standards – Mostly undergraduate issues were discussed.
- c. College of Graduate Studies Admissions & Standards –No report.
- d. University Curriculum Committee – No report.
- e. Graduate Faculty Review Committee – Will be meeting April 15.
- f. Petitions Committee – No report.
- g. Grade Dispute Committee – No report.
- h. Program Review Committee
 - i. The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences is in the process of drafting reviews and will be meeting shortly to finalize those reports.
- i. University Research Council Committee – No report. A meeting is scheduled for April 15.

8. Announcements/Applause

- ❖ The School of Nursing will be separating from COEHS to become a “free-standing” School at the University. The Director of the School will report directly to the Provost.

9. Next Meeting: The next Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. in Parker-Hannifin Hall, Rooms 104, 105, with lunch provided.

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.