



Minutes of the Graduate Board

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

3B Conwell Hall, Main Campus

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Saroj K. Biswas, Beth Bolton, James P. Byrnes, Daniel L. Canney, Rajan Chandran, James L. Daniel, Dimitrios Diamantaras, A. Marjatta Lyyra, Roberta A. Newton, Wesley Roehl, Jagbir Singh, Donna Snow, Kariamuwelsh

Ex-Officio Member:

Aquiles Iglesias, Dean, Graduate School
Zebulon Kendrick, Associate Dean, Graduate School

Graduate School Staff:

Cheryl Jackson, Assistant to the Dean
Kathryn Petrich-LaFevre, Director of Graduate Information
Michael Toner, Research Associate

Approval of the Minutes:

James Daniel motioned to approve the minutes of March 23, 2006. Beth Bolton seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously passed.

Business:

Before launching into a discussion of the one item on the agenda, namely, “Graduate Faculty Status,” Dean Iglesias noted that Associate Dean Kendrick has taken the lead on renumbering for graduate courses to ensure consistency across the schools and colleges.

With regard to the Graduate Faculty Criteria and Responsibilities document, Roberta Newton inquired about the definition of “Research Faculty” and “Clinician Educator” and expressed a need to clarify terms such as “tangible” and “demonstrated.” Several specific changes in the document’s language were suggested. The Dean agreed with the changes and promised to forward the revised document to the Graduate Board within two days. Board members were asked to respond with approval. If the majority approved, the document would be presented at the annual May meeting of the Graduate Faculty. The goal then would be to obtain a list of Graduate Faculty nominees from the schools and colleges by the first week of the Fall semester. Obtaining the list in September, as opposed to in the Spring before new faculty are hired and retirees have not yet left, will result in a more accurate listing.

The Dean noted that the 2006-2007 nominating forms for the Graduate Board were due to the Graduate School the previous Friday. He pointed out that every school and college must have representation, with a maximum of five representatives from any one school/college. Only the School of Dentistry is without a nominee.

In other business, Jagbir Singh spoke briefly about a conference sponsored by the Fox School of Business and Management’s Department of Statistics on March 24. He noted that statistics is a

course taught across a variety of departments, resulting in some unnecessary redundancy. It was suggested that the Department of Statistics perhaps ought to take the lead in coordinating efforts to bring cohesiveness to the statistics courses taught throughout the University.

The Dean concluded by noting that he was in the process of drafting a report on the status of graduate education at Temple for the new President. He offered to share the document upon preparation. He expressed his concern that undergraduate education often drives decision making at Temple, while graduate education is relegated to the backseat.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned @ 3:30 p.m.