

**Members Present:**

Robert Aiken, Beth Bolton, Daniel Canney, Dimitrios Diamantaras, Alice Hausman, Kathryn Hirsh-Pasek, G. Augusto Lorenzino, Elizabeth Moran, Roberta A. Newton, Wesley Roehl, Michael Sachs

**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, Senior Editor

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Elizabeth Moran motioned to approve the minutes of March 17, 2005. Kathryn Hirsh-Pasek seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously passed.

**Business:**

Dean Iglesias opened with a review of the status of graduate applications. He noted a decrease in the number of applications to the sciences and questioned if this is a result of fewer international students applying. The School of Pharmacy, in particular, has suffered a significant decrease in its applications to the Quality Assurance/Regulatory Affairs program. The Dean also pointed out that while the number of applications to the College of Liberal Arts has dropped at the master's degree level, the number of doctoral applications to the college has increased. The focus of the numbers, however, should be on who actually registers in their program, although schools and colleges should be tracking admissions and rejections. The Dean further advised that there is talk of the Graduate School having responsibility for collecting the matriculation fee required by all programs because these monies are often not traceable in the accounting system.

Kathy Hirsh-Pasek questioned the selectivity of applicants. Associate Dean Kendrick explained that of the students accepted for Fall 2005, 4.8% had GRE scores below 900, with the majority having scores over 1000. He further noted that a respectable number had scores on the high end between 1500 and 1600.

The Dean noted that the April 15 deadline for acceptance of fellowship awards has passed. The fellowships not accepted were slated to be offered to the next individuals on the list of rankings. Robert Aiken suggested that the Fellowship Coordinator contact the mentors of the fellowship recipients who have not replied one last time before taking any further action.

Discussion next turned to the petition the Dean received calling for a special meeting of the graduate faculty to discuss the proposed policy for graduate faculty status. More than the requisite

number of 25 signatures was included on the petition. The Dean explained that he was in communication with the individuals who forwarded the petition to him. He had let them know, however, that he would consult with the Graduate Board before taking action. He then asked the Board if a special meeting should be called or if the matter could be dealt with at the meeting already scheduled for May 4. The Dean advised that the matter at hand was significant enough to warrant the tabling of other business at the May 4 meeting. While it was feared that one meeting would deliver the Graduate Board into the hands of defeat, it was reasoned that a second meeting could be called at a later date. The decision was made to hold to the May 4 meeting schedule.

Robert Aiken requested that the Graduate Board meetings be coordinated with the meetings of the Faculty Senate to ensure that they are not held on the same days. He noted that this has been a concern in the past.

Attention was next focused on Policy 02.25.13.02.01: “A doctoral student who does not maintain full-time status must take and pass the preliminary examination within 2 semesters of completing coursework. The proposal must be approved within 4 semesters of completing coursework.” The revised policy was brought forward by the Policy Committee for approval. This is largely in response to students’ repeated requests for extensions of time and reinstatement following dismissal. Numerous cases have been found in which students have been registered as full-time for as long as five years by taking 1 credit of 799 (preliminary examination) and applying for Code 23 deferment. The major concern is currency, given that changes in technology may outdate coursework. It was noted that taking a leave of absence does not stop the clock. This policy is also intended to prevent those who disappear from Temple from reappearing after several years. Programs can close in the interim (e.g., the master’s degree in French), and advisors may leave. The revised policy strengthens the case for dismissal for lack of academic progress. The policy was brought to a vote. Michael Sachs motioned to approve, and Wesley Roehl seconded. The vote to approve passed unanimously.

Several proposals are pending. One is an executive master’s degree in criminal justice, which was drafted about two years ago and has undergone numerous revisions. A new draft was anticipated on Monday, April 25. Two proposals for master’s degrees in nursing were also received. One requires a basic core with specializations as family nurse practitioner, adult nurse practitioner, pediatric nurse practitioner, and mental health nurse practitioner. The other proposal is for nurse educator. Both were returned to Dean Ronald Brown for further revisions.

Dean Iglesias raised the concern that Temple should not be creating programs to keep up with fads. For example, five programs for nurse educator are currently offered in the city. He also noted that while voicing his concerns to the dean, Dean Brown expressed his opinion that nursing is like a guild and, thus, should not be considered a graduate program.

Dean Iglesias then posed to the Graduate Board this question: When is a graduate program not a graduate program? He expressed his fear that the nursing degrees might follow in the precedent set by two other degrees in the College of Health Professions that were not approved by the Graduate Board and are not within the purview of the Graduate School: the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT). Robert Aiken noted that allowing select degree programs to operate outside the auspices of the Graduate School creates a slippery slope. To ensure proper “bookkeeping,” it was agreed that all graduate degree programs should be approved by the Graduate Board.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned @ 3:25 p.m.