



## Graduate Board Minutes

*Thursday, October 21, 2004*

3B Conwell Hall, Main Campus  
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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### Members Present:

Robert Aiken, Ann E. Barr, Aryeh Botwinick, Daniel Canney, Rajan Chandran, Kevin J. Delaney, Dimitrios Diamantaras, Thomas Eveslage, Alice Hausman, Joyce A. Joyce, Jagannathan Krishnan, A. Marjatta Lyyra, Elizabeth Moran, Roberta A. Newton, Wesley Roehl, Michael Sachs, Jagbir Singh, Jude Tallichet, Kariam Welsh, Philip Yannella

### Ex-Officio Member:

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

### Graduate School Staff:

Kathryn Petrich-LaFevre, Senior Editor

### Approval of the Minutes:

Michael Sachs motioned to approve the minutes of September 22, 2004. Roberta Newton seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously passed.

### Business:

Dean Iglesias thanked the Graduate Board members for attending. He introduced Associate Dean Kendrick who offered a brief update on **committee activities**:

- a. The first meeting of the *Appeals Committee* is scheduled for November 18. In the interim, the committee has agreed to allow Dr. Kendrick to administratively approve appeals following the policies outlined in the *Graduate School Manual*, if the request is fully supported by the petitioner's department and school/college.
- b. Dissertation and Project Completion Grants are ready for review by the subcommittees of the *Fellowship Committee*.
- c. At its meeting on October 6, the *Policy Committee* considered several items. These include raising the standard graduate GPA exception from 3.25 to 3.5 for applicants with an undergraduate GPA below 3.0; the role of retiring, retired, and emeritus professors as graduate faculty; and the possibility of establishing a minimum score/percentile for the standardized tests required for admission.
- d. The *Program Review Committee* is awaiting the Pharmacodynamics proposal from Pharmacy. Also, the MBA 2005 is expected to be presented as the MBA 2006. A master's program in architecture is also anticipated.

The issue of increasing the 3.25 GGPA standard exception to 3.5 for nine or more hours of graduate credit was discussed by the Graduate Board. Dr. Kendrick offered that a more stringent

standard should be considered for graduate applicants who did not earn a UGPA of 3.0. A question was raised as to what requirements should be imposed on those students who have already earned a master's degree. Dr. Kendrick suggested the addition of a fourth exception: Earned a minimum GGPA of 3.0 upon completion and award of a master's degree. Robert Aiken asked what would happen to those individuals who want to make a career change. Setting standards that are too stringent might scare good people away. Roberta Newton made the following observations:

- A prospective student who has already earned a master's degree has a proven track record in graduate school. An individual who has taken only nine credits has just begun graduate study. It is important, therefore, to set a higher standard for the second type of graduate student.
- Rather than exceptions to exceptions, the discussion should be focused on how to recruit the qualified students who are not coming to Temple.

Dr. Kendrick advised that the Policy Committee would continue the discussion about increasing the 3.25 GGPA standard exception to 3.5 at the next meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3.

It was noted that, although there was no objection, no formal vote was taken on the **Graduate Faculty Criteria and Responsibilities** document at the annual graduate faculty meeting. Consequently, the document is technically not approved and, therefore, is non-binding. The policies outlined in this document are far more inclusive than the standards of practice presented in the 1984 *Graduate School Manual*, but the document has become an issue with some graduate faculty. The Graduate School has asked schools and colleges to continue drafting their criteria based on this document so that adjunct graduate faculty, including special appointment faculty and clinician educators, can be considered for graduate faculty status.

Dr. Aiken suggested calling a special meeting of the graduate faculty for a vote on the issue. Dr. Kendrick noted that concerns about the ongoing contract negotiations might make this an inopportune time to call a vote.

Dean Iglesias noted that abandoning the 2004 Graduate Faculty policy forces a return to the 1984 policy outlined in the *Graduate School Manual*, which means that only those faculty with a presidential appointment would have voting privileges on a dissertation committee. Dr. Aiken noted that it must be made clear that the policy was faculty-driven, not handed down by the administration, because some see this as a backdoor entry into a two-tier graduate faculty. Dean Iglesias noted that compromises were reached during the development of the document to ensure that a two-tier faculty would not be created, to make the graduate faculty more inclusive, and to establish criteria and responsibilities of graduate faculty by respective schools and colleges. Alice Hausman suggested the document should be presented to the graduate faculty as another way in which graduate education at Temple will continue its move toward excellence. Jude Tallichet asked whether exceptions to the policy were allowable, to which the Dean responded that such provisions have been made. Elizabeth Moran suggested that the policy for graduate education should be rewritten to allow the Graduate Board to act as the decision makers. Ms.

Tallichet asked if a mail ballot could be sent to the graduate faculty for a vote. Dr. Sachs suggested holding a fall meeting of the graduate faculty in addition to the spring meeting.

Dr. Robert Aiken offered an update on the **Middle States Review**. A Steering Committee of faculty and administration has been working throughout the summer and fall to draft a Periodic Review Report (PRR) for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. A full review, which is typically conducted every 10 years, was last done in 2000. The 2000 review was, however, atypical in that case studies were used because the University was transitioning to a new president. Several sections of the PRR have already been drafted. The Steering Committee plans to have the full initial draft completed by February so it can be reviewed with various campus constituencies. The PRR is expected to be 50 pages in length upon completion.

Dr. Kendrick presented a draft policy regarding the **role of emeritus faculty on dissertation committees** for initial discussion and consideration. The Policy Committee will continue to discuss the draft policy at its next meeting.

Discussion of a **minimum GRE requirement for graduate admission** was tabled for reasons of time.

The Dean noted that preliminary work began in September for the **National Research Council Review**. The idea is to have the data at hand when it comes time for the actual review next September. Faculty will be asked to complete their own documentation. Publications are the crucial aspect of the ratings.

Dean Iglesias announced that eight applications for the government's **Presidential Management Fellows Program** are being submitted for further consideration.

The Dean also responded to questions about **travel funds**. He explained that the Graduate School does not have such monies, but the schools and colleges do.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned @ 4:25 p.m.

The next Graduate Board meeting will be held on the Health Sciences Center Campus, in the Executive Conference Room of the Student Faculty Center, on Wednesday, November 17, 2004, @ 2:30 p.m.