



Minutes of the Graduate Board

Thursday, April 24, 2008

3B Conwell Hall, Main Campus

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Members Present:

William Aaronson, Beth Bolton, James L. Daniel, Dimitrios Diamantaras, Jay Fagan, Edward Flanagan, Thomas Gould, Marc Lamont Hill, Kathryn Hirsh-Pasek, Deborah Howe (for Mary Myers), James Korsh, A. Marjatta Lyyra, Sharyn O'Mara, Wes Roehl, Michael Sachs

Ex-Officio Member:

Zebulon Kendrick, Associate Dean, Graduate School

Graduate School Staff:

Kathryn Petrich-LaFevre, Director of Graduate Information
Michael Toner, Research Associate

Guests:

Sanjoy Chakravorty, Geography and Urban Studies
Robert Gabriel, Physical Therapy

Approval of the Minutes:

James Korsh motioned to approve the minutes of March 19, 2008. Thomas Gould seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously passed.

Business:

The first order of business was the approval of the Program Review Committee's recommendations. The Department of Geography and Urban Studies seeks to establish an interdisciplinary doctoral degree. The Department of Physical Therapy wants a change in array for the Doctor of Physical Therapy to strengthen the three-year professional doctoral program. And Fox School of Business and Management, in collaboration with the School of Pharmacy, requests establishment of two M.B.A. concentrations that will allow for flexibility in preparing for employment in the pharmaceutical industry and consulting. Following brief introductions to the proposals, a vote was called for:

- For the GUS doctorate, William Aaronson motioned to approve and Kathryn Hirsh-Pasek seconded the motion. The vote was 13 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.
- With regard to the PT doctorate, James Daniel motioned to approve and Dimitrios Diamantaras seconded the motion. The vote was 13 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.
- As for the M.B.A. concentrations, Kathryn Hirsh-Pasek motioned to approve and Wes Roehl seconded the motion. The vote was 12 for, 0 against, and 1 abstaining.

A handout of the pending summer work for the Program Review Committee was distributed. It was noted that the dozen or so items would require action by the first week of August. The question was posed whether to meet face-to-face in the summer or to take an electronic vote. Dimitrios

Diamantaras motioned to take an electronic vote in the summer following the Program Review Committee's approval; Marc Lamont Hill seconded the motion. The vote was 13 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

In "old business," it was noted that 67 fellowships were offered with 30 accepted, while another 10 offers received no response at all. The Fellowship Committee had a wait list. Nine more offers were extended, with the hopes that four would be accepted. May 3 is the deadline for the acceptance of late offers. Kathryn Hirsh-Pasek expressed concern that Temple's fellowships are only moderately competitive.

In closing, it was noted that the final version of the Graduate School Strategic Plan was sent out to all members.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned @ 3:05 p.m.

The next Graduate Board meeting will be held on Main Campus, 3B Conwell Hall, on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, @ 2:30 p.m.