



## Minutes of the Graduate Board

*Wednesday, March 19, 2008*

3B Conwell Hall, Main Campus

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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### **Members Present:**

William Aaronson, Saroj K. Biswas, Daniel J. Canney, James L. Daniel, Boris Datskovsky, Dimitrios Diamantaras, Jay Fagan, Edward Flanagan, Thomas Gould, Marc Lamont Hill, Kathryn Hirsh-Pasek, William Hitchcock, Renee Hobbs, Barbara Hoffman, Deborah Howe (for Mary Myers), James Korsh, Dan A. Liebermann, A. Marjatta Lyyra, Michael Sachs, Paul Swann, Pablo Vila

### **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

### **Approval of the Minutes:**

Michael Sachs motioned to approve the minutes of February 21, 2008. Thomas Gould seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously passed.

### **Business:**

The primary topic for the meeting was the Strategic Plan drafted for the Graduate School. The committee members were introduced: James Korsh, Kathryn Hirsh-Pasek, Paul Swann, Michael Sachs, William Hitchcock, Saroj K. Biswas, and Dimitrios Diamantaras. It was noted that although the document is only three pages in length, many hours went into its preparation. The goal of the committee was to design a realistic document with some vision. It is intended that the PowerPoint on Graduate Students presented by the Dean at the January meeting accompany the Strategic Plan document as an appendix.

William Hitchcock explained that the document is a “think piece” and described it as a good effort by a small group. He further called on the Graduate Board at large to advise if they could identify any missing items. Board members discussed such issues as website enhancements, gender discrepancies in departments, the need to consult with the Graduate Board as implementation plans are developed, and feedback from students on the Strategic Plan document.

In “other business,” it was announced that the Department of Economics is moving from the Fox School of Business and Management to the College of Liberal Arts. Further, the Graduate Board was advised that the proposals and executive summaries emailed to them recently were for information purposes only. The Program Review Committee must first review the materials. It was also noted that fewer fellowship offers will be extended this year as a large number of fellowships are cycling back in to the Graduate School from the departments for funding. More money is

needed if more support is to be offered. Finally, the question of moving up the fellowship deadline was raised. But this would then require that application deadlines be likewise moved up. Earlier application deadlines, it was noted, would adversely affect prospective international students.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned @ 4:00 p.m.

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