



Minutes of the Graduate Board

Thursday, March 26, 2009

Executive Conference Room, 4th Floor
Student Faculty Center
Health Sciences Center Campus
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Members Present:

William Aaronson, Daniel J. Canney, Dimitrios Diamantaras, Kathryn Hirsh-Pasek, Deborah Howe, Luke Kahlich, Dan A. Liebermann, Roberta Newton, Jeff Rush

Ex-Officio Member:

Zebulon Kendrick, Associate Dean, Graduate School

Graduate School Staff:

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

Approval of the Minutes:

Deborah Howe motioned to approve the minutes of February 25, 2009. Luke Kahlich seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously passed.

Business:

The Associate Dean opened the meeting by addressing some old business. He stated that the Provost had formed a committee to look into the matter of tuition remission for Research Assistants in light of the policy that went into effect January 1, 2009, stating tuition remission will only be awarded to RAs on grants that provide 50% overhead return to the University. He noted that all of the Graduate Board's suggestions are under review.

The next matter was the announcement of fellowships awards. The Associate Dean noted that at least 35 departments have received one fellowship, with multiple awards going to Psychology – 5, Film and Media Arts – 4, Philosophy – 4, and History – 3. He explained that he was asked to expand 35 awards to 40, while 40½ are returning recipients. To date, 10 acceptances and 4 rejections have been received. Typically, about 60% accept their offers. He suggested that the tuition remission fix will aid in having monies available to support the fellowships. The Associate Dean also noted a change in policy: Fellowship students can work in the summer for up to 20 hours per week.

An update was provided on graduate enrollment at Temple. In 2009, 31% of graduate applications received are from international students. The greatest numbers of international students apply to the Fox School of Business and Management (49%) and the College of Science and Technology (11%). Most popular with domestic students are the College of Liberal Arts (25%) and the College of Health Professions (23%).

The next item on the agenda was the various proposals to establish and restructure graduate programs and certificates. The Associate Dean pointed out that the number of proposals for

establishing certificates, renaming degrees and degree programs, and establishing concentrations within established degree programs has increased, as evidenced by the eight listed on the agenda today, and is expected to continue at a considerable rate. He suggested, therefore, that it might be prudent for the Graduate School to work with the Provost's Office to ensure that all rules are being followed in the proposed materials. Agreement was expressed by the Graduate Board that streamlining the process of change should be supported. Thus, Kathryn Hirsh-Pasek moved that proposals for establishing certificates, renaming degrees and degree programs, and establishing concentrations within established degree programs should be handled by the Graduate School in collaboration with the Provost's Office and, further, that the Graduate School should post the proposals for review and notify the Graduate Board of decisions. Deborah Howe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Finally, in new business, the discussion returned briefly to fellowships. Luke Kahlich noted that meeting to discuss the awards after the review process was valuable, given that Board members are assigned to review applications in disciplines that are outside their expertise. Deborah Howe suggested that the number of fellowships offered to one discipline ought to be capped.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned @ 3:40 p.m.

The next Graduate Board meeting will be held on Main Campus, 3B Conwell Hall, on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, @ 2:30 p.m.