

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL

October 27, 2008

Minutes

PRESENT: Klomparens (Graduate School), M. Noel (CHM), J. Lonstein (CSS), F. Rauscher (CAL), M. Madan (COGS), M. Boyer (COGS), G. Dummer (ED), J. Rowan (COM), J. Lindquist (CAL), S. Dilley (BUS), R. Campa (CANR), G. Burgett-Thrasher (MUS) M. Horodynski (NUR), D. Long (CNS), M. Kuykendall (Law), M. Nalla (SSC), C. Radcliffe (EGR), E. Outslay (BUS), S. Cendrowski (CNS), K. Renn (COE), R. Blom (CAS), L. Fernandez (CAS), G. Lang (CANR)

GUESTS: C. Speier (BUS), B. Hausinger (CNS), T. Wehrwein (NUR), K. Poindexter (NUR), S. Chivukula (UCAP Chair)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of 9/15/08 were approved.

AGENDA

*Request to change the Requirements of the **Master of Business Administration** degree in the Eli Broad College of Business as published on pages 220 and 221 of the 2007-2009 *Academic Programs*.

APPROVED

*Request to change the requirements of the **Master of Arts** degree in **Critical Studies in Literacy and Pedagogy** in the College of Arts and Letters, as published on pages 183 and 183 of the 2007-2009 *Academic Programs* catalog.

APPROVED

*Request to change the name of the major in the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree program in **Pathology-Environmental Toxicology** from **Pathology-Environmental Toxicology** to **Pathobiology-Environmental Toxicology**, in the Department of Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation.

APPROVED

*Request to change the name of the major in the **Master of Science** degree program in **Pathology** from **Pathology** to **Pathobiology**, in the Department of Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation.

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*Request to change the name of the major in the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Pathology** from **Pathology** to **Pathobiology**, in the Department of Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation

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*Request to change the requirements of the dual major in **Quantitative Biology**, in the College of Natural Science as published on page 374 of the 2007-2009 *Academic Programs* catalog.

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*Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Science in Nursing** degree in **Nursing** as published on page 43 of the November 20, 2007 Report of the UCC to the Academic Council.

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ROUNDTABLE

UCAP chair, Sekhar Chivucula joined UGC for a discussion of the MSU Integrity of Scholarship and Grades policy. UCAP is recommending that the record-keeping of instances of academic dishonesty be at the College level for the students. UCAP will look at the UGC recommendations from 2004.

UGC comments: Make sure that teaching assistants receive any changes to the ISG policy! COGS concern is that faculty may not make it clear to students that the option of a penalty grade exists.

Sekhar also discussed the Religious Observance policy. He pointed out that in the CIC, “reasonable accommodations” is usually explicitly stated. Our current MSU policy states that faculty should be “sensitive” to the student needs and that students not be “disadvantaged”. UCFA is studying a similar policy for faculty. Klomparens will send Sekhar the UGC May 2008 minutes for specific comments.

ADJOURNMENT