

## GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

**CHAired BY:** David S. Chapman                      **TIME:** 12:00 p.m.

**DATE:** August 28, 2006                              **PLACE:** 300 Park Building

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tony Anghie, Steven Bealer, Ann Marie Breznay, Julie Fritz, Bill Hesterly, John Hollerbach, Steven Krueger, John McDonnell, Patricia Murphy, Sally Planalp, Kevin Rathunde, Mary Jane Taylor, Rick Wacko, Robert Young, Jingyi Zhu

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Chapman, Denise Haynie, Nancy Nickman, Fred Rhodewalt, The Graduate School; Erich Petersen, Undergraduate Studies;

**EXCUSED:** Nicki Camp

### **FINAL AGENDA**

**1. Welcome and Introduction of New Members/Review of Committee Assignments**

Dean Chapman welcomed Council members to the first meeting of the 2006-07 academic year. He introduced new Council members Ann Marie Breznay (Marriott Library), Julie Fritz (Physical Therapy), John McDonnell (Special Education), Sally Planalp (Communication), Kevin Rathunde (Family and Consumer Studies), and Mary Jane Taylor (Social Work). Dean Chapman briefly reviewed ad hoc committee assignments for the coming year. He also requested that two Council members serve on the course evaluation subcommittee of the Undergraduate Council. Bill Hesterly and Rick Wacko volunteered to serve on this committee.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the May 8, 2006, meeting were approved unanimously as distributed.

**3. Proposal to Add an Emphasis in Teacher Leadership within the M.Ed. Degree, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy**

Diana Pounder, chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy, presented a proposal to add an emphasis in teacher leadership within the department's existing M.Ed. degree. The proposed emphasis program, which will require a total of 36 semester hours, will focus on teacher leadership for K-12 schools. The proposal was approved unanimously after brief discussion.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

- Motion:** Approve proposal to add an emphasis in teacher leadership within the M.Ed. degree in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy
- Vote:** Approved unanimously
- Action:** Forward the proposal to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for approval and transmittal to the Academic Senate.

**4. Proposal to Create the Barbara L. and Norman C. Tanner Center for Nonviolent Human Rights Advocacy**

Ted Wilson, proposed center director, and George Cheney, Department of Communication, presented a proposal to create the Barbara L. and Norman C. Tanner Center for Nonviolent Human Rights Advocacy. The proposed center will be housed within the College of Social and Behavioral Science. According to the proposal, the purpose of the center is “to pursue nonviolent human rights advocacy on interpersonal, community, and global levels through the inspiration, education and participation of students, faculty, staff, and the larger community.” Barbara and Norman Tanner, with their daughter, Deb Sawyer, have contributed approximately \$1.6 million to the University of Utah to support the center.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

- Motion:** Approve proposal to create the Barbara L. and Norman C. Tanner Center for Nonviolent Human Rights Advocacy
- Vote:** In favor: 14  
Abstention: 1
- Action:** Forward the proposal to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for approval and transmittal to the Academic Senate.

**5. Proposal to Create the Asia Center**

Janet Theiss, Director of the Asia Studies Program, presented a proposal to create the Asia Center. The purpose of the center is to further advanced study of Asia and to be a resource for the region’s business, political, educational, and community leaders as they develop relationships with Asian countries. The proposed center also would coordinate the undergraduate program and proposed M.A. program in Asian Studies. Because the Asian Studies graduate program is still in the development stage and is linked so closely to the proposed center, the Council requested that further discussion of the proposal be tabled until a full proposal for the Asian Studies M.A. is submitted.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

- Motion:** Table discussion of the proposal to create the Asia Center
- Vote:** Approved unanimously
- Action:** The Council will reconsider proposal after a proposal for the M.A. in Asian Studies is received.

**6. Request to Allow MBA Students to Exceed 16-Hr Registration Limit**

Bill Hesterly, Associate Dean of the David Eccles School of Business, and Kristina Diekmann, Chair of the MBA Committee, presented a request to allow MBA students to exceed the university's 16-credit-hour per semester maximum for graduate students by registering for 18.5 hours during fall semester of their first year. Dr. Hesterly indicated that 1.5 hours of the total course load is taken two weeks before the start of the semester but that students register for this course in the fall semester rather than in summer term. After discussion, the Council unanimously agreed to allow, on a one-year basis, the 1.5 pre-semester course not to count against the semester limit of 16 credit hours but requested that the Business School examine ways for this course not to be counted in fall semester registration in the future. Additionally, the Council unanimously agreed that the School of Business should adhere to the 16-hour registration limit and reduce the remaining 17.5-hour course load to 16 hours for fall semester 2006.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

- Motion:** For AY 2006-07, allow School of Business not to count the 1.5 pre-semester MBA course against semester limit of 16 credit hours. In the future, the Business School should examine ways for this course not to be counted in fall semester registration.
- Vote:** Approved unanimously
- Motion:** The School of Business should reduce the remaining 17.5 credit hours in the first-year MBA program to 16 hours for fall semester, 2006, to comply with longstanding Graduate School policy.
- Vote:** Approved unanimously
- Action:** Inform Business School of Graduate Council's decision

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.