

## **GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES (as amended)**

**CHAired BY:** Charles A. Wight                      **TIME:** 3:00 pm  
**DATE:** October 26, 2009                      **PLACE:** 300 Park Building

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Martha Bradley, Tom Cova, Darrell Davis, Martha Eining, Paolo Gondolo, Eric Hinderaker, Mary Lucero, Jay Mace, John Martinez, Patricia Murphy, Ed Ruddell, Mary Jane Taylor, Patrick Tresco, Lora Tuesday-Heathfield

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ed Barbanell, Charles A. Wight

**EXCUSED:** Ann Marie Breznay, Chris Lippard, Fred Rhodewalt

### **FINAL AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the September 28, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously as distributed.

**2. Proposal to Create a Joint M.S.W. Degree Program**

Steve Alder, Caren Frost, and Courtney Demond present the proposal for the new joint degree. Collaboration between the two departments in the form of a joint degree will make the students more competitive in seeking jobs. The College of Social Work will monitor the students and ensure that the courses in both degrees are completed simultaneously.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To approve the proposal

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** Inform the College of Social Work and the Division of Public Health of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the proposal. The proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

**3. Proposal to Create a Joint J.D. and M.S.W. Degree Program**

Christopher Peterson and Robert Butters presented the proposal. Social work and legal advocacy are interrelated, and the joint degree program will better prepare students working in the field. Twelve hours will be cross applied.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To approve the proposal

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** Inform the College of Social Work and the College of Law of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the proposal. The proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

**4. Proposal to Transfer Elementary Education Program and Discontinue the Department of Teaching and Learning**

Dean Michael Hardman presented the proposal to the Graduate Council. This proposal addresses a redesign of teacher-education programs necessitated by changing demographics to reflect an emphasis on urban education and diversity. To accomplish this, the Department of Teaching and Learning has been eliminated. All regular faculty from that department have been moved to Educational Psychology, and auxiliary faculty are to be appointed at a college level. For the next three years, students who were enrolled in Teaching and Learning have been given the option of receiving a degree in Teaching and Learning or a degree in Educational Psychology.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To approve the proposal with changes

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** Inform Dean Hardman of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the proposal with changes. The proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

**5. Proposal to Create a Ph.D. in Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research and Health Policy**

David Young, Michael Goodman, and Sara Ray presented the proposal. Currently, there is a MS program and an Outcomes program. The graduates of those programs go elsewhere for their doctorates. There is an interdepartmental focus in this proposed degree program because it crosses broadly into the “health policy” area.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To approve the proposal with additions

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** Inform the Department of Pharmacotherapy of the Graduate Council’s decision to approve the proposal with additions. The proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

**6. Proposal for Center Status for the CARMA Center**

Jerry Fotheringham presented the proposal. The CARMA Center is SOM based. It is a patient-focused center using a multi-disciplinary approach with new technologies for assessing, treating, and follow-up.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To approve the proposal

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** Inform the Director Jerry Fotheringham of the Graduate Council’s decision to approve the proposal. The proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

7. **Discussion about Changes to Graduate Supervisory Committees**

The members discussed the value of having an external person on the committee. They talked about the issues with professional degrees with regular faculty versus clinical faculty on the committees. The role of the Graduate Council was also discussed. It was suggested that it is “to advise and consult.”

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To table the discussion

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** Inform Dean Wight that the discussion was tabled.

8. **Presentation of the Graduate Council Review for the Department of Theatre**

John McDonnell presented the ad hoc committee’s report to the Graduate Council. The department suspended their graduate program and has not awarded any graduate degrees for the last five years. The six areas needing attention in their previous review are still areas of concern. Their facilities are a significant problem. It has created fragmentation between faculty and staff because of their three locations. A good relationship between Pioneer Theater Company and the Department of Theater is essential for its success.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To accept the ad hoc committee’s report as amended.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** The amended report will be sent to the Department Chair and the Dean of the College of Fine Arts to check for any factual errors. The report will be discussed at the wrap-up meeting (in attendance: Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the College of Fine Arts, Chair of the Theater Department, and the Dean and Associate Dean of the Graduate School as facilitators). Following the wrap-up meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding will be prepared by the Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Both the report and the Memorandum of Understanding will be sent to the

**9. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm**