

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

CHAired BY: Charles A. Wight **TIME:** 3:00 pm
DATE: November 30, 2009 **PLACE:** 300 Park Building

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Bradley, Ann Marie Breznay, Darrell Davis, Martha Eining, Paolo Gondolo, Eric Hinderaker, Chris Lippard, Mary Lucero, John Martinez, Patricia Murphy, Ed Ruddell, Mary Jane Taylor, Patrick Tresco, Lora Tuesday-Heathfield

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred Rhodewalt, Charles A. Wight

EXCUSED: Ed Barbanell, Tom Cova, Jay Mace

FINAL AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 26, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections.

2. Proposal to Create a Center for Parallelism at Utah (CPU)

Ganesh Gopalakrishnan and Mary Hall made the presentation for the new Center for Parallelism at Utah (CPU). The Center would be a cohesive entity and would provide greater visibility to the community. The Center would emphasize collaborative efforts with other departments.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: To table the proposal

Vote: Approved unanimously

Action: Inform Professor Gopalakrishnan of the Graduate Council's decision to table the proposal.

3. Presentation of the Graduate Council Review for the Department of Art and Art History

Robert Young presented the review to the Graduate Council. The Department of Art and Art History has hard-working faculty, excellent faculty-student relationships, and excellent staff. The department uses its extremely limited space in very creative ways.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: To approve the review with changes

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 Art and Art History 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 Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

4. Presentation of the Graduate Council Review for the Department of Educational Psychology

Kevin Rathunde presented the review to the Graduate Council. Faculty members in the department have a strong record with respect to publishing and obtaining financial support for research, maintaining collegial relationships in a diverse environment and mentoring graduate students. The department maintains a number of high quality graduate programs across diverse areas that prepare students well for licensure and employment following graduation. The Department of Educational Psychology upholds a strong commitment to recruiting a diverse faculty and student body.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: To approve the review with changes

Vote: One abstention

Action: The amended report will be sent to the Department Chair and the Dean of the College of Education 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 Education, Chair of the Educational Psychology 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 Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

5. Presentation of the Graduate Council Review for the Department of Economics

Mary Jane Taylor presented the review to the Graduate Council. The department's strength lies in its heterodox approach to education, which emphasizes economic history and the history of economic thought.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: To approve the review with changes

Vote: Approved unanimously

Action: The amended report will be sent to the Department Chair and the Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences 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 Social and Behavioral Sciences, Chair of the Department of Economics, 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 Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

6. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm