

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

CHAired BY: David S. Chapman **TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

DATE: February 27, 2006 **PLACE:** 300 Park Building

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Anghie, Ana Bozas, Lisa Cannon-Albright, Kathy Chapman, John Hollerbach, Steven Krueger, Patricia Murphy, Joan Stoddart, Trina Valdez, Rick Wacko, Joanne Yaffe, Robert Young, Jingyi Zhu

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

EXCUSED: Steven Bealer, Bill Hesterly, Lynne Schrum, Johanna Watzinger-Tharp

FINAL AGENDA

1. Introduction of New Members

David Chapman introduced two new members of the Council: Richard Wacko, Department of Ballet, the new representative from the College of Fine Arts; and Erich Petersen, Department of Geology and Geophysics, the new representative from the Undergraduate Council.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 30, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously as distributed.

3. Review of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology

Steven Krueger, ad hoc committee chair, presented the review of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. The Council made suggestions for minor revisions.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Approve the ad hoc committee's report as amended.

Vote: Approved unanimously

Action: Send report to the Chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology and the Dean of the College of Pharmacy to correct factual errors. The report will then be discussed at the wrap-up meeting (in attendance: Senior Vice President for Health Sciences; Dean of the College of Pharmacy; Chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology; 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 Health Sciences for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

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4. Proposal to Create the Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Distinguished Mentor Award

David Chapman presented a proposal to create the Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Distinguished Mentor Award, to be sponsored by the Graduate School. The award is designed to honor and encourage the efforts and accomplishments of faculty who consistently serve as effective mentors of graduate students and postdoctoral scholars. Council members made several suggestions for revisions to the proposed request for nominations.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion: Support the Graduate School's proposed Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Distinguished Mentor Award, as amended

Vote: Approved unanimously

Action: Make revisions as recommended by the Council; send to deans, chairs, and directors of graduate studies for distribution to graduate students and postdoctoral scholars.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.