

## GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

**CHAired BY:** Charles A. Wight                      **TIME:** 3:00 pm  
**DATE:** September 28, 2009                      **PLACE:** 300 Park Building

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elizabeth Adoyo, Martha Bradley, Ann Marie Breznay, Tom Cova, Darrell Davis, Martha Eining, Paolo Gondolo, Eric Hinderaker, Chris Lippard, Mary Lucero, Jay Mace, John Martinez, Patricia Murphy, Ed Ruddell, Patrick Tresco, Lora Tuesday-Heathfield

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

**EXCUSED:** Ed Barbanel, Mary Jane Taylor

### **FINAL AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the August 31, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously as distributed.

**2. Proposal for Center Status for The Center for Cell and Genome Science**

Professor Villu Maricq and Brian Saam presented the request for the creation of the Center for Cell and Genome Science. The Center will use a multidisciplinary approach and cutting technology. Twelve core faculty will be hired with bridges and pipelines to their home departments. The Center will move into the Museum of Natural History building and has secured donor funding for renovations.

#### **ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To table the proposal

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** Inform Dr. Maricq and Dr. Saam of the Graduate Council's decision to table the proposal.

**3. Proposal for Center Status for the Center for Quantitative Biology**

Professor Aaron Bertram and Professor Jim Keener presented the request. The Center will provide formal structure for a life sciences partnership and will encourage interdisciplinary research and collaborative projects.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To approve the proposal as amended

**Vote:** Approved with one abstention

**Action:** Inform Dr. Bertram and Dr. Keener that additional letters of support from participating departments should be included. That amended proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

**4. Proposal for Center Status for University of Utah Graduate Center at St. George**

Dean Chuck Wight made the proposal to the Graduate Council. The Center would provide an institutional partnership between the University and Dixie State College. Currently there are graduate level courses in nursing and education. Tuition is paid to the University for those graduate courses, and the University of Utah will grant the graduate degrees.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To approve the proposal

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** To inform Dean Wight of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the proposal. The proposal will be taken to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

**5. Proposal for a name change from the Center for Integrated Design and Construction to the Integrated Technology in Architecture Center**

Professor Ryan Smith made the proposal to the Council for the name change. The mission statement was updated and rewritten, and a name change seemed to enhance the change in philosophy and focus on science.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To approve the proposal

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** To inform Dr. Ryan of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the proposal. The proposal will be taken to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

**6. Presentation of the graduate Council Review for the Department of Political Science**

John Martinez presented the ad hoc committee's report to the Graduate Council. The department appears to be working more effectively than it was seven years ago. The MPA program has proven to be very successful, and new students should be aggressively recruited into that program.

**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 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 Political Science 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.

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

Currently, exceptions are made on a case by case basis by the Dean of the Graduate School. Departments may also set standards that exceed those of the Graduate School.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion:** To table the discussion

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**Action:** To inform Dean Wight that the discussion should be reopened at the next Graduate Council meeting.

**8. Meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm**