

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
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April 10, 2006

To: Graduate Faculty Members

From: Clark Hulse  
Dean

Subject: Graduate College Annual Faculty Meeting

Date: April 12, 2006  
Time: 1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.  
Place: Room A, Student Services Building

AGENDA

- I. Approval of the April 21, 2005 meeting
- II. Business Meeting
  - A. Nominations for the Executive Committee
  - B. Nominations for the Awards Committee
- III. Announcement of the Graduate Mentoring Awards
- IV. Annual Report of the Dean
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business

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## MINUTES

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRADUATE FACULTY

APRIL 21, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 1:23 PM

- I. The minutes of the April 12, 2004 meeting were approved as submitted.
- II. The first order of business was an update on the negotiations between the Graduate Employees Organization (GEO) and the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dean Hulse recapped that teaching assistants and graduate assistants are part of the unionization process, but not research assistants. Overall, negotiations had been proceeding positively, though the more difficult economic issues were on the horizon. While the contract is under negotiation, Dean Hulse stressed that graduate programs should not raise stipends for teaching and graduate assistantship, as this may be perceived as an unfair labor practice. More information would be shared by the Dean once the economic issue was addressed formally by both bargaining units.
- III. Committee Nominations
  - a. Nominations for the Executive Committee – No changes were made to the sample ballot.
  - b. Nominations for the Awards Committee – A petition was forwarded to the Dean, recommending one faculty member's name be added to the sample ballot. No graduate faculty members present at the meeting had any objections to the addition. As such, the candidate's name was placed on the ballot for the Engineering, Mathematics, and Physical Sciences race.
- IV. Dean's Report

With great enthusiasm, Dean Hulse announced the inaugural Graduate College Summer Interdisciplinary Seminar series for summer 2005. Five proposals had been selected among many great submissions. The Graduate College chose to sponsor for its first edition the following seminars: Afro-Indian Flashpoints in Native and African American Histories/Communities, Crossing the Boundaries Between Silicon and Cell: the Tissue/Electrode Interface, Immigrant Communities: An Interdisciplinary Perspective, Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Learning in the Disciplines (Learning Sciences), and Palliative Care. Brochures with fuller information were distributed by the Graduate College at the meeting.

Dean Hulse unofficially announced that the National Research Council would be publicizing in the coming months its collection of data for analysis of graduate

programs. The Graduate College will hold workshops in the future to assist units with understanding the taxonomy of the program reviews, though no sessions will be scheduled until more specific information and a timeline are provided by NRC.

The University of Illinois Strategic Thinking Initiative would transition to the Strategic Planning phase beginning fall 2005. Dean Hulse reiterated that the Graduate College in conjunction with its Graduate Executive Committee are committed to drafting goals and identifying strategies for diversifying faculty, pioneering interdisciplinary programs and activities, and breaking down the barrier between research and professional degrees.

There was a 30% decrease in international graduate student applicants a year ago, though international admissions seem to be on the upswing for fall 2005. The Graduate College will continue to monitor any changes in the trend.

V. A panel discussion on “The Future of Interdisciplinary Studies and Research at UIC” was given, with Eric Gislason, Vice Chancellor for Research Judith Kirshner, Dean, Architecture & Arts; and Russell Betts, Vice Provost for Planning and Programs and co-chair of "UIC 2010: Strategic Thinking" as panelists. The panel discussion was moderated by Jonathan Art, Associate Dean in the Graduate College.

VI. Old Business – None

VII. New Business – None

The graduate faculty approved a motion to adjourn.

**SAMPLE**

**Ballot for the Executive Committee**

**Behavioral and Social Sciences One (1) to be elected**

Vote for one (1)

- James Gavelek                      Education
- Anna Roosevelt                      Anthropology

**Engineering, Mathematics and Physical Sciences One (1) to be elected**

Vote for one (1)

- none

**Fine Arts and Humanities One (1) to be elected**

Vote for one (1)

- Lisa Freeman                      English

**Life Sciences One (1) to be elected**

Vote for one (1)

- Conwell Anderson      Anatomy and Cell Biology
- Georges Bordage      Medical Education
- Cathryn Dooly      Movement Sciences
- Gail Mahady      Pharmacy Practice

**GRADUATE COLLEGE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
2005-2006**

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**BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

@PAUL PIEPER	ECONOMICS	2005-2007
* JAMES PHILLIPS	ANTHROPOLOGY	2004-2006
@ JAMES GAVELEK	EDUCATION	2004-2006

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**ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES**

*THOMAS J. ROYSTON	MECHANICAL & INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING	2005-2007
* DAVID MARKER	MATHEMATICS, STATS & COMP SCI	2004-2006

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**FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

*JIM SACK	HISTORY	2005-2007
* CHRISTIAN MESSENGER	ENGLISH	2004-2006
* PHILLIP J. BOWMAN	AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES	2004-2006
@ ROBERTA FELDMAN	ARCHITECTURE	2006

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**LIFE SCIENCES**

*AIXA ALFONSO	BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	2003-2007
* DAVID UCKER	MICROBIOLOGY/IMMUNOLOGY	2003-2007
* CONWELL ANDERSON	ANATOMY & CELL BIOLOGY	2004-2006
@ BARBARA DANCY	NURSING	2006

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\* = Elected  
@ = Appointed

**SAMPLE**

**Ballot for the Awards Committee**

**Behavioral and Social Sciences One (1) to be elected**

Vote for one (1)

none

**Engineering, Mathematics and Physical Sciences One (1) to be elected**

Vote for one (1)

- Sudip K. Mazumder                      Electrical and Computer Engineering
- David E. Radford                          Math, Statistics, and Computer Science
- Laxman Saggere                            Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

**Fine Arts and Humanities One (1) to be elected**

Vote for one (1)

- David Schaafsma                          English
- Lisa Freeman                                English
- Douglas Ischar                              Art & Design
- Virginia E. Miller                          Art History

**Life Sciences One (1) to be elected**

Vote for one (1)

- R. E. Gaensslen                            Biopharmaceutical Sciences
- Yogesh Dwivedi                            Pharmacology & Psychiatry
- Teresita Briones                            Nursing

**AWARDS COMMITTEE  
GRADUATE COLLEGE  
2005-2006**

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**BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

DAVID MC KIRNAN	PSYCHOLOGY	2003-2006
MARIE TEJERO HUGHES	EDUCATION	2005-2008
ANNA ROOSEVELT	ANTHROPOLOGY	2004-2007
ALICE K. JOHNSON	SOCIAL WORK	2004-2007

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**ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS, AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES**

STEPHEN YAU	MATH, STATS & COMP SCI	2004-2007
THOMAS ROYSTON	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	2003-2006
W. ANDREAS SCHROEDER	PHYSICS	2005-2008
SIDDHARTHA GHOSH	ELECTRICAL & COMP ENGINEERING	2004-2007

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**FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

BRUCE CALDER	HISTORY	2004-2007
DOUG ISCHAR	ART & DESIGN	2003-2006
LISA DOWNING	PHILOSOPHY	2005-2008
GUILTY NASHAT	HISTORY	2005-2006

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**LIFE SCIENCES**

ASGI T. FAZLEABAS	PHYSIOLOGY	2005-2008
GUIDO F. PAULI	MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY AND PHARMACOGNOSY	2005-2007
A. SIMON PICKARD	PHARMACY	2004-2007
BEVERLY MCELMURRY	NURSING SCIENCES	2004-2006

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## PERSONNEL ACTIONS

### Graduate College Membership (April 2005 – March 2006)

The following are appointed members:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Ai, Zhuming	Biomedical Visualization
Anderson, Nathan	Economics
Ashton, Philip	Urban Planning and Policy
Baranescu, Rodica	Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
Barannikova, Olga	Physics
Bauman, Jerry	Pharmacy Practice
Beam, Craig	Public Health Sciences
Bergen, Martha	Nursing
Bishop, Jeffrey R.	Pharmacy Practice
Budyn, Elisa	Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
Cassata, Linda	Nursing
Charlton, James	Disability and Human Development
Chen, Zheng	Microbiology and Immunology
Chiang, Mark	English
Choi, Seung-Whan	Political Science
Collins, Eileen G.	Nursing
Cosner, Anne J.	Education
Cruz, Anne J.	Spanish, French, Italian and Portuguese
Darnault, Christophe	Civil and Materials Engineering
Dieter, Michael	Health Informatics
DiGiovine, Carmen	Disability and Human Development
Dubhey, Madhu	English
Frasor, Jonna	Physiology and Biophysics
Freeman, Vincent	Public Health Sciences - Epidemiology
Frolov, Maxim	Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics
Ghaffarpour, Mohammad	Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
Grossman, Heather	Art History
Hacker, Eileen	Nursing
Hanes, Scott D.	Pharmacy Practice
Hiroaki, Kiyokawa	Biochemistry & Molecular Genetics
Hoff, Julie	Nursing
Hoobler, Jennifer	Managerial Studies
Hsieh, Wu-Ying	Education
Jun, Helen	English
Kapella, Mary	Nursing
Karabatsos, George	Education

## Graduate College Membership (continued)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Keenan, Gail	Nursing
Kiefere, John H.	Chemical Engineering
Lenihan, D. Patrick	Public Health Sciences
Li, Quingbo	Microbiology and Immunology
Lightfoot, Theodora Ann	Education
Linn, Joshua	Economics
Liu, Li C.	Public Health Sciences
Majors, Yolanda	Education
Marinova, Sophia	Managerial Studies
Marr, Matthew J.	Spanish, French, Italian and Portuguese
Martin, Danny Bernard	Education
McCreary, Linda	Nursing
McFarlin, Barbara L.	Nursing
McLachlan, Alan	Microbiology and Immunology
Mehta, Dolly	Pharmacology
Melamed, Stephen	Industrial Design
Merrill, Bradley	Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics
Meyer, Randall J.	Chemical Engineering
Miller, Christopher	Education
Montgomery, Jennifer	Film/Animation/Video
Nakamura, Toru	Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics
Niebylski, Dianna	Spanish, French, Italian and Portuguese
Oberholzer, Jose	Surgery
O'Bryan, John	Pharmacology
Olshansky, S. Jay	Public Health Sciences
Ouellet, Lawrence	Public Health Sciences
Peterman, Dan	Studio Arts
Peters, Karen	Public Health Sciences
Pogue, Nancy	Nursing
Poser, Jessica	Art Education
Potowski, Kim	Education
Powell, Kathryn	Nursing
Pugh, Christina	English
Qu, Tingyu	Anatomy and Cell Biology
Raaf, Sabrina	Electronic Visualization
Radosevich, James	Molecular Biology of Oral Diseases
Rasmussen, Mary	Biomedical Visualization
Rauscher, Garth	Public Health Sciences
Rosa, Jose Antonio	Managerial Studies
Ryan, Catherine	Nursing
Sauter, Daniel	Electronic Visualization
Sen, Ashish	Urban Planning and Policy

Graduate College Membership (continued)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Shankman, Stewart	Psychology
Sokol, David	Art History
Sroussi, Herve	Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences
Stayner, Leslie	Public Health Sciences
Szepe, Stephen	Chemical Engineering
Touchette, Daniel R.	Pharmacy Practice
Tunstall, Elizabeth	Art and Design
Vaillancourt, David	Movement Sciences
Vincent, Catherine	Nursing
Walker, John	Physiology and Biophysics
Walker, Lori	Physiology and Biophysics
Wang, Edward	Nursing
Wescott Eaton, Anne	Philosophy
Witkiewitz, Katie	Psychology
Xu, Xiping	Public Health Sciences
Yu, Jun	Managerial Studies
Zak, Connie	Nursing
Zellner, Moira	Urban Planning and Policy

**UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS  
2005-2006**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Ale, Som B.	Biological Sciences
Anand, Shilpaa	Disability Studies
Banks, Geoffrey D.	Sociology
Beehler, Sarah J.	Psychology
Berkowitz, Aaron	History
Berner, Jennifer	English
Blom, Andrew S.	Philosophy
Booth, Joel	Computer Science
Briones, Alejandro M.	Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
Cheng, Jessica	Occupational Therapy
Chupick, Andy	Public Administration
Conlon, Beth A.	Physiology & Biophysics
Cox, Suzanne M.	Public Health Sciences
Deshpande, Mandar	Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
Engstrom, Mark D.	Psychology
Farrington, Camille A.	Education
Ferrario, Laura A.	Graphic Design
Fox, Craig D.	Philosophy
Furceri, Davide	Economics
Herre, Anneka	Film/Animation/Video
Holyk, Greg	Political Science
Ison, Jennifer I.	Biological Sciences
Kane, Melanie	Anthropology
Kershaw, Trina	Psychology
Klekotka, Peggie	Urban Planning & Policy
Laanait, Nouman	Physics
Laffoon, Jason	Anthropology
Leenaars, Kirsten	Studio Arts
Li, Jinghu	Medicinal Chemistry
Lu, Jian	Biopharmaceutical Sciences
McGuire, Erin C.	Biological Sciences
Meral, Faik C.	Mechanical Engineering
Petereson, Benjamin L.	History
Qu, Wei	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Quick, Russell	Anthropology

**UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS (continued)  
2005-2006**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Raichura, Amit	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Robinson, Michael	Film/Animation/Video
Rose, Sarah F.	History
Rosul, Linda L.	Public Health Sciences
Schauer, Matthew P.	Anthropology
Schwier, Todd A.	Chemistry
Sen, Jayita	Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics
Shi, Gang	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Smith, Randy	Political Science
Smoron, Agata	Physics
Taneva, Tzvetelina V.	Biological Sciences
Tennant, Adam G.	Civil & Materials Engineering
Victor, Deborah L.	Occupational Therapy
Wang, Jizhen	Microbiology and Immunology
Watling Neal, Jenna	Psychology
Wille, Jeffrey J.	Forensic Science
Williams, Benn E.	History
Witte, Justin	Studio Arts
Wu, Xiaolu	Microbiology and Immunology
Xiao, Huiyong	Computer Science
Xiong, Ziyang	Computer Science
Zhang, Houyin	Physics
Zhao, Songqing	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Zimmerman, Brian	Disability Studies

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN FELLOWSHIPS  
2005-2006**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Adams, Ericka	Criminal Justice
Dunlap, Tareisha	Medicinal Chemistry
Ellis, Raquel	Social Work
Forbes, Kenyatta	Art & Design
Guardado, Jose	Economics
Hernandez, Hugo	Art & Design
Kaczorowska, Izabela	Political Science
Lewis, Naama	Bioengineering
Lopez, Roxane	Communication
Outlay, Christina	MIS
Pritchett, Jeanita	Chemistry
Ricks, Philip	Public Health
Sanders, Tonya	Urban Planning

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN FELLOWSHIPS (continued)  
2005-2006**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Traylor, Latosha	Criminal Justice
Oliva, Sonia	Sociology
Evans, Charlesnika	Public Health
Flores, John	History
Nunez, Isabel	Education
Thompson, Eric	Criminal Justice

**DIVERSIFYING HIGHER EDUCATION FACULTY IN ILLINOIS (DFI)  
2005-2006**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Aviles, Ann	Education
Matthews, Abigail	Sociology
Ruberte, Lissette	Bioengineering
Shavers, Ronald	English
Vera, Claudio	Criminal Justice
Webb, John	History
Russell, Karima	Mechanical Engineering
Alexander, Nneka	English
Anderson, Andrea	Microbiology
Camilien, Nixon	Criminal Justice
Evans, Maya	Political Science
Guzman, Rosemary K.	Mathematics
Henderson, Aneeka	English
Houston, Eric	Psychology
James, Kevin	Sociology
Larson, Carol	Education
Long, LaDonna	Criminal Justice
Morrison, Mosi	Sociology
Okorafor, Nnedi	English
Perez, Omar	Microbiology
Ramos, Mitzi	Political Science
Aranda, Ted	History
Cambray, Elizabeth	Education
Cheatem, Donald	Microbiology
McGee, Ebony	Education
Perez, Xavier	Criminal Justice
Massenberg, Raymond	Urban Planning
Narcisse, Denise	Sociology
Rivera, Iris	Criminal Justice
Seo, Byung-In	Education
Sherrod, Jarmese	Education

**DEAN'S SCHOLARS AWARD  
2005-2006**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Balunas, Marcy J.	Pharmacognosy
Bauman, Christopher W.	Psychology
Bliss, Daniel	Political Science
Gu, Yunhong	Computer Science
Harker, David W.	Philosophy
Manicassamy, Santhakumar	Microbiology and Immunology
McLellan, Kathleen C.	English
Yan, Changlin	Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science

**PROVOST'S AWARDS FOR GRADUATE RESEARCH  
FALL AND SPRING 2005**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Banerjee, Prajna	Physiology and Biophysics
Bashir, Faisal Ibne	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Batza, Catherine P.	History
Bauman, Christopher W.	Psychology
Bloodworth, Michelle R.	Psychology
Borghesio, Luca	Biological Sciences
Cerna-Rios, Emiliano	Studio Arts
Collins, Elizabeth A.	History
Donner, Christa M.	Studio Arts
Dwan, Kaoukji	Urban Planning and Policy
Espiritu, Doris Joy D.	Physiology and Biophysics
Forrestal, Sarah	Public Health Sciences
Golic, Narsid	Economics
Gribenas, Richard	Studio Arts
Heinrich, Janel M.	Public Health Sciences
Koshman, Yevgeniya E.	Bioengineering
Labarbera-Twarog, Emily E.	History
Mahadevabh, Somayagi	Chemical Engineering
Malcolm, Andres	Chemical Engineering
McDonald, Katherine E.	Psychology
Mink, Rebecca	Germanic Studies
Naum, Marianne	Biological Sciences
Park, Hyeyun	Electronic Visualization
Ryerson Espino, Susan L.	Psychology

**PROVOST'S AWARDS FOR GRADUATE RESEARCH (continued)  
FALL AND SPRING 2005**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Serai, Suraj	Bioengineering
Sethi, Pia	Biological Sciences
Vivas Basto, Paula A.	Physics
Watling Neal, Jenna	Psychology
Weinberg, Eli Ping	Photography
Wu, Bin	Computer Science

**UIC MCNAIR POST-BACCALAUREATE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM  
PARTICIPANTS  
2005-2006**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Aguilar, Rodolfo	Latin American and Latino Studies
Barwacz, Dariusz	Psychology
Botello, Elisa	Photography
Cepeda, Roberto	Communication/History
Chima, Chika	Bioengineering
Filmore, Joel	Psychology
Hudson, Corey	Psychology
Jones, Almeda	Biological Sciences
Medley, Tenille	Electrical Engineering
Palmer, Ademola	Liberal Arts and Sciences
Reyna, Carlo	Philosophy/Mathematics
Rodriguez, Tlaloc	Psychology
Rodriguez, Yamali	Teaching of History
Santelli, Gabriella	African-American Studies
Shenberger, Jessica	Psychology
Snodey, Latrice	Movement Sciences
Velazquez, Marisol	Latin American and Latino Studies

Minutes of the Graduate College  
Executive Committee Meeting  
of  
April 8, 2005

Present: Suresh Aggarwal, Aixa Alfonso, Conwell Anderson, Phillip Bowman, Clark Hulse (Chair), Chris Messenger, James Phillips, Barry Rundquist, David Ucker

Staff: Jonathan Art, Steven Kragon, Amy Levant, Marya Schechtman, Teresa Silva

Absent: Mitra Dutta, Janet Engstrom, Douglas Garofalo, James Gavelek, David Marker, Bill VanPatten

I. The Minutes of March 11, 2005 were approved as submitted.

II. Dean's Report

Dean Hulse reported that the Graduate College has formalized the Leave of Absence policy, which is now in line with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1974. The action was precipitated by the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women. Dean Hulse turned to the inauguration of the Graduate Summer Interdisciplinary Seminars and expressed how the Graduate College is looking forward to implementing this dynamic program for the summer term. Brochures for the seminars were distributed at the Graduate Executive Committee meeting. Dean Hulse announced that the IMGIP and ICEOP Fellowships have folded into a new program, which is now the Diversifying of Faculty in Illinois (DFI) Fellowship. Dean Hulse publicized the news of UIC's first ever Jacob K. Javits Fellowship winner and that eight UIC graduate students have won Fulbright U.S. Student Program fellowships to study, teach or conduct research for the 2005-2006 academic year. Rounding out the conversation on fellowships, Dean Hulse stated that the final determination had been made for the 2005-2006 University Fellowships and that the stipend had increased to \$18,000. Dean Hulse reflected on graduate admissions numbers being 5% behind last year's figures; however, the university is dead-on with the national trend. Finally, Dean Hulse reminded the group about the Graduate Faculty Annual Meeting on April 21 at 1 p.m. in SSB, room C. There would be a panel discussion on interdisciplinarity and refreshments would be served.

III. Program Reviews

A. The proposal to establish the M.S. in Finance was reviewed by the committee. Dean Hulse had consulted Gilbert Bassett, the department head for Finance before the meeting and articulated the particulars of the proposal. After much discussion about the new degree program, the committee motioned to accept. The proposal was passed unanimously by the committee.

B. The revision of the Master of Health Professions was reviewed by the

committee. The committee communicated their concern about the acronym CME appearing in the program proposal. This rubric had been assigned to Civil and Materials Engineering. It was agreed upon at the October, 2004 Executive Committee meeting that the rubric CPPD be used for continuing medical education. The request was made that under the direction of the Dean, the proponents of the program proposal revise some of the language. The committee motioned to accept the proposals under the condition that the requested changes were to be made. The proposal was unanimously approved by the committee.

- C. The revision of the M.S. in Oral Sciences was reviewed by the committee. After little discussion, the committee unanimously approved the proposal.
- D. The proposal to establish the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Second Language Teaching was reviewed by the committee. After some discussion, the committee unanimously approved the proposal.
- E. The proposal to eliminate the M.A. in Art Therapy was reviewed by the committee. It was noted that currently there weren't any faculty or students in the program, and the current funding levels preclude hiring new faculty. After minimal discussion, the committee unanimously approved the proposal.
- F. The proposal to establish the Joint Degree of the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) and the M.S. in Health Informatics was reviewed by the committee. There was much discussion about the concern of 3 300-level courses being used towards graduate degree credit. A motion to accept the proposal was made, under the condition that a written declaration of intent to renumber the 300-level courses to 400-level courses is made. There was a motion to accept with the written declaration. There were 7 approved votes and 1 abstained vote.

#### IV. Old Business

There was no old business.

#### V. New Business

There was no new business.

The committee approved a motion to adjourn.

Minutes of the Graduate College  
Executive Committee Meeting  
of  
September 9, 2005

Present: Conwell Anderson, Phillip Bowman, Douglas Garofalo, James Gavelek, Luke Hanley, Clark Hulse (Chair), David Marker, Chris Messenger, James Phillips, Paul Pieper, Thomas J. Royston, Jim Sack, David Ucker

Staff: Steven Kragon, Jose Perales, Marya Schechtman, Teresa Silva

Absent: Aixa Alfonso

I. Dean's Report

Dean Hulse gave an update on UIC's response to Hurricane Katrina evacuees. Students from institutions that were affected by the hurricane would be enrolled as non-degree at UIC, and will not be assessed tuition for the fall term. Fees for books will be paid by UIC. Dean Hulse reported that the Sloan Foundation in October 2005 would have an eight-week format of online courses for Katrina students for the Sloan Consortium for Online Education. UIC was preparing various online courses for inclusion. Dean Hulse reported on the state of the budget, and that the University is sheltering costs, as amenities such as heat will rise this year. Dean Hulse announced the return of the Graduate Summer Interdisciplinary Seminars, for which an official request for proposals was sent to all faculty. The deadline for submission is October 7, 2005. José Perales, Assistant Dean highlighted recent achievements of SROP and the McNair Program, and thanked all faculty who were involved for their support and for mentoring students. Dean Hulse brought to the attention of the group the success that UIC graduate students have had in national fellowship competitions recently, particularly the the news of UIC's first ever Jacob K. Javits Fellowship winner and that eight UIC graduate students have won Fulbright U.S. Student Program fellowships to study, teach or conduct research for the 2005-2006 academic year.

II. Program Reviews

- A. The proposal to establish the Medical Biotechnology course rubric was reviewed by the committee. Dean Hulse described his conversation with Academic Affairs about the concern of whether the rubric would be housed in the College of Medicine, Chicago or College of Medicine, Rockford. It was confirmed that the rubric would be owned by the College of Medicine, Rockford. After some discussion, the committee motioned to accept the MBT appellation. The proposal was passed unanimously by the committee.

## VI. Strategic Planning

Dean Hulse introduced the comprehensive strategic planning process, in coordination with the UIC 2010 Strategic Thinking project that will help to draft a revised Graduate College Strategic Plan. Dean Hulse highlighted several foundational documents that will aid the Graduate Executive Committee members in developing their work. The strategy for accomplishing this task would be the formation of three working groups to handle specific areas of graduate education: Diversity, Program Development and Quality, and Quality of the Graduate Educational Experience. Dean Hulse reviewed the proposed plan of work and timeline, which will include a retreat in January 2006. The deadline for submission of the Graduate Strategic Plan to the Provost is February 28, 2006. More details about a meeting schedule, composition of the working groups, and other national or benchmarking documents for reference would be shared at the October 7 Graduate Executive Committee meeting.

## VII. Next Generation TOEFL

Steve Kragon, Assistant Dean gave an overview of ETS's development of the new TOEFL exam. Steve Kragon explained the structure and process for which a committee was formed at UIC, consisting of Directors of Graduate Studies, members of the Executive Committee, English as a Second Language experts, and other units to evaluate the new exam and recommend a new campus minimum. Several members of the Graduate Executive Committee who served on the TOEFL committee provided their insight about the process and how the group reached the recommendation that was being put forth. The next course of action was for the Graduate Executive Committee to approve the recommendation. Due to time constraints, the Graduate Executive Committee requested more time to review the recommendation in detail. It was agreed upon to revisit the recommendation and discuss it further at the October 7 Graduate Executive Committee meeting.

The committee approved a motion to adjourn.

Minutes of the Graduate College  
Executive Committee Meeting  
of  
October 7, 2005

Present: Aixa Alfonso, Conwell Anderson, Phillip Bowman, Barbara Dancy, James Gavelek, Luke Hanley, Clark Hulse (Chair), David Marker, Chris Messenger, James Phillips, Paul Pieper, Thomas J. Royston, James Sack, David Ucker

Guests: Ellen Baird (Art History), Stacie Geller (Obstetrics and Gynecology), Peter Gettins (Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics), May Kleinman (Center for Research on Women and Gender), Maureen Meehan (Center for Literacy), Chuck Walter (Movement Sciences)

Staff: Jonathan Art, Steven Kragon, Marya Schechtman, Teresa Silva

Absent: Douglas Garofalo

- I. The Minutes of April 8, 2005 were approved as submitted  
The Minutes of September 9, 2005 were approved as submitted.

- II. TOEFL

The committee returned to the proposal for new minimum admissions standards for the Next Generation TOEFL exam, which was first raised at the September 9, 2005 meeting. A full discussion occurred at the October 7, 2005 meeting, where the recommendation put forward was for establishing the new minimum test scores for the four sub-sections and an aggregate score of 80. Although the arguments presented by the minority opinion were seriously reviewed, the final conclusion was to accept the findings of the study panel. The panel set the sub-score minima at levels believed to be high enough for the student to succeed in graduate work at UIC, but low enough so as not to eliminate otherwise strong applicants. The Graduate College would review exceptions to the policy on a case-by-case basis, using justification provided by the Director of Graduate Studies. The Graduate College also agreed to monitor the test scores over the implementation period, as well as communicate with other universities, to determine whether adjustments to the test scores would ultimately be necessary. The committee voted 8 yes, 2 no for the new minimum admissions standards for the new TOEFL exam.

- III. Program Reviews

- a. The proposal to establish the Center for Literacy was reviewed by the committee. Marya Schechtman provided an overview on the

proposal, and noted that while there is no direct teaching of graduate students in this unit, the Center would provide research opportunities and graduate resources. After minimal discussion, the committee motioned to accept. The proposal was passed unanimously by the committee.

- b. The proposal to establish the Center for Structural Biology was reviewed by the committee. Jonathan Art gave an overview of the proposal, and pointed out that there is no PhD program in conjunction with this proposed Center. The committee requested clarification on exactly what they were voting for when reviewing this proposal. Dean Hulse explained that the committee is reviewing the proposal based on programmatic content, and emphasized that approving the proposal does not imply they would be approving a nonexistent PhD program. The committee also questioned what training would be provided to graduate students through the Center. The committee motioned to accept the proposal, based on the expectation that a narrative would be produced explicitly stating the training given to graduate students. The proposal was passed unanimously by the committee.
- c. The proposal to approve HON 401 was reviewed by the committee. Marya Schechtman gave a brief overview of the history of the proposal, and articulated that there is no statement of any clear benefits to graduate students for taking this course. Roger Nelson provided a statement by Lon Kaufman on how the course would benefit graduate education by providing a pathway for students from the Honors College to the Graduate College. The committee agreed that at most the course could offer an additional elective for graduate study. After little discussion, the committee unanimously approved the proposal.
- d. The proposal to establish the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Women's Health was reviewed by the committee. Jonathan Art presented an overview of the proposal, and emphasized that it would administratively be housed in the College of Nursing. The committee noted that no social science disciplines were represented in this interdepartmental program. Steve Kragon highlighted some operational issues that should be clarified in the proposal, namely that concentrations cannot be printed on the transcript until a degree is conferred, and that enrollment would be reported to the Graduate College for input in Banner. After some discussion, the committee unanimously approved the proposal.
- e. The proposal to revise the M.A. in Art History was reviewed by the committee. Marya Schechtman gave an overview, stating that the reduction in degree hours from 40 to 36 was to align the program

with the national norm. After little discussion, the committee unanimously approved the proposal.

- f. The proposal to revise the M.S. in Movement Sciences was reviewed by the committee. Jonathan Art provided an overview of the proposal. After some discussion, the committee motioned to accept the proposal and it was unanimously accepted.
- g. The document on the types of admissions requirements and criteria was deferred until the November 4, 2005 meeting.
- h. The document on course objectives and evaluation was deferred until the November 4, 2005 meeting.
- i. The institutional policy on joint programs was deferred until the November 4, 2005 meeting.
- j. The document on multi-institutional degree program requirements was deferred until the November 4, 2005 meeting.
- k. The SCEP manual was deferred until the November 4, 2005 meeting.

#### VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

#### IX. New Business

There was no new business.

The committee approved a motion to adjourn.

Minutes of the Graduate College  
Executive Committee Meeting  
of  
November 4, 2005

Present: Aixa Alfonso, Conwell Anderson, Phillip J. Bowman, Barbara Dancy, Clark Hulse (Chair), David Marker, Chris Messenger, James Phillips, Paul Pieper, Thomas J. Royston, James Sack

Guests: Robert Gaensslen (Forensic Science), Andrew Rojecki (Communication), Roger Nelson (Academic Affairs), Kim Hubalik (Academic Affairs)

Staff: Jonathan Art, Steven Kragon, Amy Levant, Marya Schechtman, Teresa Silva

Absent: Douglas Garofalo, James Gavelek, David Ucker

II. Executive Session

III. The Minutes of October 7, 2005 were approved as submitted.

III. Dean's Report

Dean Hulse had a brief discussion with the Members of the Graduate Executive Committee about their efforts with Unit Strategic Planning. Dean Hulse announced the intention to hold a reception in December to recap the work completed and reward everyone for their arduous work. In addition, Dean Hulse stated that the Campus Strategic Plan would be finished and presented to all University of Illinois at Chicago faculty and staff in the coming days. The Graduate College had finalized its selection of proposals for the Graduate Summer Interdisciplinary Seminars for summer, 2006. A campus-wide announcement of the topics chosen will be made in the coming weeks. The Graduate College has announced its recipients for the fall, 2005 Provost's Awards for Graduate Research. Dean Hulse queried the Members of the Executive Committee about restructuring the format of the Graduate Executive Committee meetings. After discussion about various ways to change the format, it was agreed upon to address agenda items in this sequence: I) Review of Proposals, II) Approval of Meeting Minutes, III) Dean's Report and IV) Approval of Proposals.

IV. Program Reviews

A. The proposal to eliminate the M.S. in Medical Laboratory Science was reviewed by the Committee. Jonathan Art provided an overview of the proposal. After minimal discussion, the committee motioned to accept. The proposal was passed unanimously by the committee.

- B. The proposal to revise the Master of Health Administration was reviewed by the committee. Jonathan Art gave an overview of the proposal. Dean Hulse pointed out that this revision meant the reduction in Business Administration's involvement in the program. After some discussion, the Committee motioned to accept the proposal. The proposal was passed unanimously by the committee.
- C. The proposal to revise the M.S. in Forensic Science was reviewed by the committee. Jonathan Art gave an overview, and Robert E. Gaensslen provided additional information and reasoning for why the change had been proposed. After some discussion, the Committee motioned to accept. The committee unanimously approved the proposal.
- D. The proposal to revise the M.A. in Communication was reviewed by the committee. Marya Schechtman presented an overview of the proposal. Andrew Rojecki gave an explanation for the change in the non-thesis option, and that doing so aligned the program with other national M.A. programs in Communication. The Committee discussed at length the value of the non-thesis option. Steve Kragon and Marya Schechtman highlighted one logistical matter that must be revised in the proposal, that the listing of thesis options be consistent with the format that is used in the graduate catalog. After some further discussion, the committee motioned to accept the proposal. The Committee unanimously approved the proposal.
- E. The proposal to revise the M.S. in Teaching of Mathematics was reviewed by the committee. Marya Schechtman gave an overview, noting that with the addition of two Education Psychology courses there should be some language in the proposal to explain that the Department of Mathematics had consulted the Department of Psychology about the influx of students. Also, the Committee requested that course rubrics be added in the proposal where they were lacking. After some discussion, the Committee motioned to accept the proposal. The Committee unanimously approved the proposal.
- F. Roger Nelson and Kim Hubalik gave an overview of the change in process to review changes in graduate admissions requirements. The Committee made the argument that there was no need for changes in prerequisites to come before the Committee. Instead, only campus-wide changes in graduate admissions requirements should be reviewed by the Committee, such as: change in G.P.A. change in degree equivalency, and change in TOEFL score.
- G. Roger Nelson and Kim Hubalik reported on the Joint Degree

Articulation Agreement as an informational item to the Committee.

H. Roger Nelson and Kim Hubalik reported on the Multi-Institutional document as an informational item to the Committee.

I. Roger Nelson and Kim Hubalik presented the SCEP Manual on operating rules to the Committee for questions only. No questions were raised.

#### X. Old Business

There was no old business.

#### XI. New Business

There was no new business.

The committee approved a motion to adjourn.

Minutes of the Graduate College  
Executive Committee Meeting  
of  
December 2, 2005

Present: Aixa Alfonso, Conwell Anderson, Phillip J. Bowman, Barbara Dancy, Clark Hulse (Chair), David Marker, Chris Messenger, James Phillips, Paul Pieper, Thomas J. Royston, James Sack, David Ucker

Guests: Kevin Barnhurst (Communication), Andrew Rojecki (Communication), Vincent Paglione (College of Architecture and the Arts)

Staff: Jonathan Art, Steven Kragon, Marya Schechtman, Teresa Silva

Absent: Douglas Garofalo, James Gavelek

I.Executive Session

II.Program Reviews

A. The proposal to establish the Ph.D. in Communication was reviewed by the Committee. Marya Schechtman introduced the proposal. Kevin Barnhurst provided an overview of the history and reasoning for establishing the Ph.D. program. He stated that there would be no reduction in number of M.A. students admitted to the department, although they would be offering a non-thesis option which would free up faculty. There is an existing plan for resources, and the Department of Communication intends to hire new faculty to accommodate the increase in student enrollment. In addition, Kevin Barnhurst indicated that assistantships would shift from the M.A. to the Ph.D. program. Dean Hulse suggested that the department inject more internships into the proposed Ph.D. program, particularly taking advantage of UIC's location in a large metropolis. Kevin Barnhurst conveyed that the department has identified and received grants for plans to establish relationships with industry leaders in Chicago. The UIC Department of Communication's hallmark is Communications Technology, which is lacking at UIUC. After some discussion, the committee motioned to accept. The proposal was unanimously passed.

B. The proposal to revise the Master of Architecture was reviewed by the committee. Marya Schechtman introduced the proposal,

noting that the revision recommended substantial changes, such as integrating the curriculum more and requiring a master's thesis. Vincent Paglione gave an overview and justification for the proposed changes. After various discussions, the Committee motioned to accept the proposal. The proposal was passed unanimously by the committee.

- C. The proposal to revise the M.S. in Disability and Human Development Science was reviewed by the committee. After minimal discussion, the Committee motioned to accept. The committee unanimously approved the proposal.

III. The Minutes of November 4, 2005 were approved as submitted.

#### IV. Dean's Report

Dean Hulse introduced the new format of the Graduate Executive Committee agenda, which was agreed upon at the November 4, 2005 meeting. Dean Hulse reported that all program proposals passed at the November meeting were approved by SCEP. In addition, Dean Hulse informed the group that the annual Illinois Association of Graduate Schools (IAGS) meeting, which occurred at UIC on October 24-25, 2005, was a success. The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) is currently working on drafting some language that characterizes what a professional doctorate program is, and Dean Hulse welcomes such a document, when it is published, to guide graduate schools on establishing professional doctorate programs. Dean Hulse commented that the GEO negotiations were continuing positively, though the more difficult economic issues are on the horizon. Dean Hulse acknowledged that the recruitment season will be soon underway, and that graduate student stipends will remain as they were 2 years ago while GEO negotiations are still in progress. Dean Hulse recognized the recent press release on the federal lawsuit challenging fellowship programs targeted at underrepresented minority student populations at Southern Illinois University (SIU). Lastly, Dean Hulse raised the idea of offering ProQuest at UIC, a software program allowing open access to viewing dissertations at other institutions. The service is free to users, but writers pay a fee to have their research included in the database. Dean Hulse encouraged comments from the members of the Executive Committee on faculty and graduate students utilizing such a tool. The members of the Graduate Executive Committee continued with their discussion from last month about unit level Strategic Planning. Each working group gave a brief overview of some of the stretch ideas that were developed. Dean Hulse reminded the members about the reception on December 13, 2005.

V. Old Business

There was no old business.

VI. New Business

There was no new business.

The committee approved a motion to adjourn.

Minutes of the Graduate College  
Executive Committee Meeting  
of  
January 13, 2006

Present: Aixa Alfonso, Barbara Dancy, Clark Hulse (Chair), David Marker, Chris Messenger, James Phillips, Paul Pieper, Thomas J. Royston, James Sack, David Ucker

Guests: Michael McNallan (Civil and Materials Engineering), Marlene Sefton (College of Nursing), Les Sandlow (College of Medicine)

Staff: Jonathan Art, Steven Kragon, Amy Levant, José Perales, Marya Schechtman, Teresa Silva

Absent: Conwell Anderson, Phillip J. Bowman, Douglas Garofalo, James Gavelek

I. Program Reviews

- J. The proposal to eliminate the Ph.D. in Geotechnical Engineering and Geosciences was reviewed by the Committee. Jonathan Art provided a brief overview of the proposal. Michael McNallan explained to the Committee that the College of Engineering was formally initiating the process to eliminate this doctoral program. There are no graduate students enrolled in the program. Michael McNallan stated that since the Ph.D. program in Earth and Environmental Sciences exists, it is no longer necessary to continue with this program. No questions were raised by the Committee. The Committee motioned to accept, and the proposal was unanimously passed.
- K. The proposal to revise the Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Policy was reviewed by the committee. No College representative was present to provide background on the proposal. Marya Schechtman gave an outside perspective on the proposal, stating that the anticipated changes would make the doctoral program more research-oriented and less policy-oriented. There was little debate on the proposal. The Committee motioned to accept it. The Committee voted 8 in favor and 1 abstained. The committee voiced a strong preference for representatives of a unit putting forward a program proposal to attend the Graduate Executive Committee meeting in order to address questions and concerns. The Graduate College will heed the request and make every effort in the future to encourage a spokesperson from the unit to be present at the session.

- L. The proposal to revise the M.S. in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) concentration was reviewed by the Committee. Jonathan Art provided a summary of the proposed change. The purpose of the proposal is simply to increase the number credit hours in order to be certifiable. Marlene Sefton explained that it was a clerical error which caused the oversight. After minimal discussion, the Committee motioned to accept. The committee unanimously approved the proposal.
- M. The proposal to revise the Ph.D. in Nursing and Baccalaureate to Doctoral Program in Nursing was reviewed by the Committee. Jonathan Art conveyed the general idea of the proposal, which suggested the expected changes would help expedite graduation for students in the program. After some dialogue, the Committee motioned to accept the proposal. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposal.
- N. The proposal to establish the Concentration in Clinical Research in the Master of Science in Public Health was reviewed by the Committee. Les Sandlow impressed upon the Committee that this concentration will be the cornerstone in clinical translation of basic research into clinical application. The Committee confirmed with Les Sandlow the discrete elements for completing the concentration, which culminates in a master's thesis, a publishable paper, and a grant application. With regard to the publishable paper requirement, the committee made the suggestion that a mechanism be included in the proposal which states that a committee will review the paper, comprised of the thesis advisor or the director of graduate studies. Les Sandlow stated that the requirements for the concentration are sequential, where the master's thesis is written first, and then the content for the paper is extracted from the thesis and deemed publishable by a jury. After vigorous debate, the Committee agreed that the program's stated requirement of a "publishable" paper was ambiguous and carried the risk of confusions and misunderstandings down the line. The majority agreed to endorse the proposal on the condition that the program faculty draw up, as part of its student handbook, a statement describing what it means by "publishable" and the process by which it will determine in each case whether a student's submission meets that standard (e.g. by a committee or by the thesis director). The minority felt that the proposal should be revised and resubmitted with the requirement defined in detail. The Committee motioned to accept the proposal, and approved it by a vote of 6 to 3. Dean Hulse will communicate to Drs. Sandlow and Zwanziger the concerns of the Committee.

II. The Minutes of December 2, 2005 were approved as submitted.

IV. Dean's Report

Dean Hulse confirmed that the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was canceled, and would not be rescheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup>. The next Graduate Executive Committee meeting will be February 24<sup>th</sup>. The seminars for the 2006 Graduate Summer Interdisciplinary series would be announced in the coming weeks. It was reported that GEO negotiations were continuing positively, and Amy Levant commented that graduate student stipends and student insurance were now being considered by the group. Dean Hulse indicated that a message about determining graduate student stipends for next year would be sent to deans, directors, department heads, and directors of graduate studies in the near future. Finally Dean Hulse reported that the Assistive Technology Certificate was reviewed by senior staff members of the Graduate College, and no issues of concern were found.

XII. Old Business

There was no old business.

XIII. New Business

There was no new business.

The committee approved a motion to adjourn.

Minutes of the Graduate College  
Executive Committee Meeting  
of  
February 24, 2006

Present: Aixa Alfonso, Philip Bowman, Barbara Dancy, Roberta Feldman, James Gavelek, Clark Hulse (Chair), Chris Messenger, James Phillips, Paul Pieper, Thomas J. Royston, James Sack

Guests: Patricia Lewis (College of Nursing), Babette Neuberger (School of Public Health), James Unnerstall (Anatomy and Cell Biology)

Staff: Jonathan Art, Steven Kragon, Marya Schechtman, Teresa Silva

Absent: Conwell Anderson, David Marker, David Ucker

### III. Program Reviews

- O. The proposal to establish the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) was reviewed by the Committee. Jonathan Art gave an overview of the proposal, noting that the new program aims to bridge the scientific underpinnings of the discipline with those who are practitioners and researchers. Jonathan Art raised the question of the Graduate College's role in the program, particularly with administering the preliminary examination. Pat Lewis gave some background on the need for such a graduate program, expressing that currently ten DNP programs are being implemented across the nation. The degree would promote the new future of specialists and practitioners, providing them with more systems knowledge, proficiency in policy analysis, and skills for research translation. Ultimately, the DNP may replace the master's degree in Nursing. Pat Lewis emphasized that the DNP program would not replace the PhD program, insofar as the DNP enhances clinical practice and applied nursing research only. With regard to the prelim exam, Pat Lewis appealed for a waiver of traditional boundaries, as this professional doctorate does not fit the normal PhD program. However, the College of Nursing is willing to work closely with the Graduate College for the implementation of the program, if it were passed. Dean Hulse cited as an example the new Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD), which could be a model for establishing three-person committees for administering prelim and dissertation exams. In addition, Dean Hulse highlighted the previous discussion that emerged with the OTD, where 92 credit hours (short of the 96 credit hours for a PhD) is equivalent excellence. The

university statutes state that the Graduate College oversees all graduate education; therefore, the Graduate College will make certain that the DNP is a rigorous and outstanding program through quality assurance checks. The Committee pointed out on page 17 of the proposal, there was clerical error in tallying the total number of core courses, project, and residency hours. This error has since been reported to Academic Affairs for correction. After vigorous debate, the Committee motioned to accept the proposal. The proposal was unanimously passed by the Committee.

- P. The proposals to revise the M.S. in Public Health Core, M.S. in Public Health, Epidemiology Concentration, and the M.S. in Public Health, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences were reviewed by the Committee as a group. Jonathan Art gave an overview of the content of the proposals. Babette Neuberger highlighted that the revisions would be adding a new epidemiology course and slightly reducing the number of electives, rendering the degrees more rigorous. The Committee asked for clarification on what is meant by a “publishable paper,” as referenced in the proposal. Specifically, the Committee wished to know what the expectations are for what the content should be. Such a question was raised at last month’s Graduate Executive Committee meeting when the Clinical Research Concentration in Public Health Sciences was brought forward for review. Babette Neuberger explained that the judgment of the faculty and thesis director would determine what is publishable. Dean Hulse requested that Public Health express these guidelines in writing and incorporate them in their student handbook. After some discussion, the Committee motioned to accept the proposal. The proposal was unanimously passed by the Committee.
- Q. The proposal to revise the Interdepartmental Concentration in Neuroscience was reviewed by the Committee. Jonathan Art gave an overview, defining this program as a concentration within a PhD program—different than the PhD Neuroscience program. He emphasized that the concentration is interdepartmental. Jim Unnerstall provided some background on the concentration’s commencement in 1982, and explained that the proposal is a valuable component for certifying graduate students who have an academic focus on some aspect of neuroscience. After minimal discussion, the Committee motioned to accept the proposal. The Committee unanimously approved the proposal.

IV. The Minutes of January 13, 2006 were approved as submitted.

#### IV. Dean's Report

Firstly, Dean Hulse acknowledged that Roberta Feldman from the School of Architecture has joined the Graduate Executive Committee, replacing Doug Garofalo. Dean Hulse made a special request to the life sciences committee members to re-review the Clinical Research Concentration, which was brought before the Committee in January. The Senate on Educational Policy (SCEP) felt the concentration had too many hours and requirements, rendering it inflexible. Dean Hulse's charge for the life sciences members was to determine whether the proposal be revised to provide for fewer hours or more customization. If yes, the members would have to decide if the concentration should come back to the Graduate Executive Committee for re-review or move forward to SCEP for reconsideration. Steve Kragon reported recent changes in graduate admissions, citing a few departments who are changing their minimum GPA, and other departments that wish to implement higher standards for the minimum TOEFL score. The Committee expressed no dissent with the changes. Dean Hulse reported on the upcoming Global Campus meeting at UIUC on March 9, 2006, a component of the campus strategic plan. Finally, the Dean stated that GEO negotiations were now reaching the economic issues, though discussions between the bargaining units still remain very professional. Dean Hulse reiterated his recent announcement made to deans, department heads, and directors of graduate studies, of a new policy that units can increase stipends for new incoming graduate students only. However, units that wish to do so are advised to consult the Graduate College first to ensure that the augmentation is not perceived as an unfair labor practice.

#### XIV. Old Business

There was no old business.

#### XV. New Business

There was no new business.

The committee approved a motion to adjourn.

Minutes of the Graduate College  
Executive Committee Meeting  
of  
March 10, 2006

Present: Aixa Alfonso, Phillip J. Bowman, Barbara Dancy, Roberta Feldman, Clark Hulse (Chair), Chris Messenger, James Phillips, Thomas J. Royston, James Sack, David Ucker

Guests: Christoph Grein (Physics), Pat Lewis (Nursing), Annette Valenta (Biomedical Health Informatics), Vince Paglione (Architecture and the Arts), Daniel Friedman (Architecture and the Arts)

Staff: Jonathan Art, Steven Kragon, Marya Schechtman, Teresa Silva

Absent: Aixa Alfonso, Conwell Anderson, James Gavelek, David Marker, Paul Pieper

I. Program Reviews

- R. The proposal to revise the M.A. in English: Revision and Redesignation of the Concentration in English Education was reviewed by the Committee. Marya Schechtman provided an overview, that the proposed changes would make the teacher preparation track more rigorous. No departmental representative was present to provide background on the changes or answer questions. Dean Hulse noted that the proposal cited no examples of current practices in this field of study. The Committee cited a discrepancy about why ENGL 503 was being eliminated. After vigorous debate, the Committee agreed to send back the proposal for information on the following items: 1) provide examples of what is being done at other institutions in this field, 2) clarification on the elimination of ENGL 503, and whether that course content appears elsewhere in the curriculum, and 3) fuller explanation of multiculturalism in the curriculum, as it is mentioned in the proposal in reference to specific courses, but then is not included in the course descriptions. In addition, the Committee requested that an amended justification be brought back to the Graduate Executive Committee meeting on March 31, with a representative from the department present to answer any questions.
- S. The proposal to revise the Joint Degree: M.S. in Nursing, Administrative Studies in Nursing/M.S. in Health Informatics was

reviewed by the Committee. Jonathan Art gave an overview of the modifications. Annette Valenta stated that the proposed changes were ones that should have been put forward awhile ago, but for lack of time was not done immediately. The Committee commented on the joint degree program's strong tie to individual faculty. Pat Lewis explained that whereas the program was indeed dominated by specific faculty members in the past, the program presently has a strong focus on nursing informatics. In their final analysis, both Pat Lewis and Annette Valenta believed that the current proposed changes will benefit the students in this program. After some discussion, the Committee motioned to accept the proposal. The proposal was passed unanimously by the committee.

- T. The proposal to revise the M.A. in Mathematics and M.S. in Mathematics, Concentration in Applied Mathematics was reviewed by the Committee. Both Marya Schechtman and Jonathan Art provided insight on the proposal. No departmental representative was present to field questions. Despite there being no deep justification for the changes, the Committee motioned to accept the proposal. The Committee voted 7 in favor and 1 abstained.
- U. The proposal to revise the Doctor of Philosophy in Physics was reviewed by the Committee. Jonathan Art reported that the department would like to add the 595 colloquium as a program requirement. Chris Grein indicated that this proposal was a manner in which to formalize something that was already being enforced for doctoral students. After minimal debate, the Committee motioned to accept the proposal. The Committee unanimously approved the proposal.
- V. The proposal to redesignate the Master of Architecture (M.Arch) Option I, One-Year Post-Professional Degree to the M.S. in Architecture was reviewed by the Committee. Marya Schechtman explained that the main thrust of the proposal is to revise the degree title, so as to distinguish it from other accredited programs. The change in credit hours addresses the nomenclature change. Students who hold the one-year M.S. degree are not eligible to sit for the licensing exam. After some discussion, the Committee motioned to accept the proposal. The Committee unanimously approved the proposal.
- W. Dean Hulse reported on the proposal to establish the Asian American Studies (ASAM) subject as an informational item to the Committee. Dean Hulse stated that both the Graduate College and the Office of the Executive Vice Provost enthusiastically support the Asian American Cultural and Resource Center. The proposal establishes undergraduate courses in this area which should mean graduate

courses would soon follow.

II. The Minutes of February 24, 2006 were approved as submitted.

III. Dean's Report

Dean Hulse reported that all program proposals accepted by the Graduate Executive Committee at its last meeting were also approved by the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP). Dean Hulse reported that the University has no budget or tuition structure established for next year yet. The Office for International Services (OIS) is proceeding with generating I-20s based on estimates of the new graduate tuition base rate, but will need to send revised documents when tuition rates are formally established.

Dean Hulse reported that graduate admission applications have increased across all demographics at all U of I campuses.

IV. Strategic Planning

Dean Hulse requested that Committee members identify two or three important items from the Graduate College Strategic Plan that should be implemented now. Dean Hulse declared the intent to increase Graduate College fellowship stipends to \$20,000 and increase the number of offers to graduate students. Also, the Dean wished to increase the financial support for the Provost's Award and Student Travel Award in order to foster research by graduate students. More on the topic of Strategic Planning will be discussed at the March 31 meeting.

XVI. Old Business

There was no old business.

XVII. New Business

There was no new business.

The committee approved a motion to adjourn.