



Minutes of the Graduate Board

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

3B Conwell Hall, Main Campus

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Members Present:

William Aaronson, Jasim Albandar, Joseph DuCette, Petra Goedde, Michael Hagen, Marcia Hall, Kathryn Hirsh-Pasek, Deborah Howe, Richard H. Immerman, Luke Kahlich, Daniel Kern, James Korsh, Jagannathan Krishnan, Swati Nagar, Vallorie Peridier, Peter Riseborough, Wes Roehl, Justin Yuan Shi, Dennis Silage, David Watt

Ex-Officio Member:

Zebulon Kendrick, Associate Dean, Graduate School

Graduate School Staff:

Cheryl Jackson, Assistant to the Dean
Kathryn Petrich-LaFevre, Director of Graduate Information
Margaret M. Pippet, Assistant Dean
Michael Toner, Associate Director for Graduate Enrollment and Data Management

Approval of the Minutes:

Wes Roehl motioned to approve the minutes of November 17, 2010. Peter Riseborough seconded the motion. With one abstention, the motion to approve the minutes otherwise passed unanimously.

Business:

The Associate Dean opened the meeting by welcoming new Board member, Swati Nagar, who is representing the School of Pharmacy. She has replaced long-time member Daniel J. Canney whose School promotion precludes his continuation on the Graduate Board.

The Associate Dean offered updates on four key issues. First, he noted that Round 1 of Fellowships has concluded. A meeting of the subcommittee, at which nine members were in attendance, had been held earlier in the day. Of the 109 applications submitted, 47 or 43% were extended offers for Presidential, University, and Future Faculty Fellowships. By discipline, the distribution is:

Discipline	Number	
	Applications	Offers
Arts & Humanities	31	16
Business, Education, Health Professions, & Social Sciences	40	16
Sciences	38	15

Dr. Kendrick advised that funding for fellowships was increased this year to about \$2 million in an effort to make Temple more competitive. He noted, however, that a variety of programs receive funding off the top. These include about 20 teaching assistantships and graduate externships in the

Writing Center and the Measurement and Research Center; fellowships for the Schmieder violin protégés; and the Doctoral Dissertation and Terminal Master's Project Completion Grants.

The second update regarded Interfolio, the management system for application supporting documents. A presentation was made by Interfolio to the Associate Deans at their February 15 meeting. The next step is to contact departments and begin trainings. Discussions will also be undertaken with Interfolio about how to interface the system with Banner.

The third update concerned admissions. Overall, application numbers have increased from 5,721 for Fall 2010 to 6,142 for Fall 2011. Likewise, decisions are up from 988 in Fall 2010 to 1,187 in Fall 2011. And this is despite much processing having to be done manually as start-up glitches with Banner have been detected and corrected.

The fourth update focused on Teaching and Research Assistantships. Dr. Kendrick advised that an outside contractor has been hired to review the legacy distribution of assistantships at Temple. Work has begun, and a two-day visit is planned for the individual to meet with the Associate Deans, Deans, the Provost, and the Graduate Board. The objective is to determine how the assistantships should be distributed, noting that history has been the guiding factor in the past.

The Associate Dean turned the discussion next to credits for terminal doctoral events. Policy 02.28.13.03 states: "A doctoral student must complete a minimum of 6 s.h. of course number 9999, 'Dissertation Research,' after elevation to candidacy." While the total number of hours cannot be changed as that would constitute a restructuring and would, therefore, require approval of the Board of Trustees, the following change is proposed for Policy 02.27: "Doctoral Examinations require a minimum of 6 s.h., with at least 2 of the 6 s.h. required to be course number 9999. The remaining 4 s.h. can be a combination of the following course numbers: 9994, 9998, and 9999." This would, in turn, require the minimum number of semester hours stipulated in Policy 02.28.13.03 to be reduced to 2. Dr. Kendrick noted that this issue would be forwarded to the Policy Committee for review and discussion before a recommendation is made to the full Graduate Board.

In old business, a Board member asked about the status of the minutes for the April 28, 2010 meeting of the Graduate Faculty. The sign-in sheets from the meeting will be reviewed to determine who from the Graduate Board attended so they might review and motion to approve the minutes.*

No new business was raised.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned @ 3:35 p.m.

The next Graduate Board meeting will be held on the Health Sciences Center Campus, in the Executive Conference Room on the 4th floor of the Student Faculty Center, on Thursday, March 24, 2011, @ 2:30 p.m.

* Note: Members of the Graduate Board in 2009-2010 who attended the April 28, 2010 meeting of the Graduate Faculty include *William Aaronson*, Daniel Canney, *Jay Fagan*, Thomas Gould, *Marvia Hall*, *Deborah Howe*, *Luke Kablich*, *James Korsh*, *Deborah Sheldon*, and *Dennis Silage*. Those who are also current members are emphasized in italics.