

University Graduate Council  
December 17, 2007  
Minutes

**Present:** K. Klomparens (TGS), F. Ravitch (COL), C. Petty (ENG), W. Li (CANR), C. Zheng (COGS), K. Lowerre (MUS), J. Gerlach for S. Cendrowski (CNS), J. Rowan (COM), R. Campa (CANR, TGS), J. Lindquist (CAL), J. Lonstein (CSS), S. Logan (CAL), M. Chavez (CAS), D. Long (CNS), G. Dummer (ED), M. Boyer (COGS), L. Keilman (CON), M. Noel (CHM), L. Sordillo (CANR)

**Guests:** A. Sousa (CHM), K. Oberst (Epidemiology), H. Fitzgerald (Outreach and Engagement), D. Thornton (Outreach and Engagement), B. Brown (Outreach and Engagement)

1. Approval of agenda. **Unanimously approved**
2. Approval of minutes: April 9, 2007 and May 7, 2007. **Unanimously approved**
3. Remarks from Chairperson (Noel):
  - Noel is a UGC rep to ECAC and academic council.
  - The Faculty Voice Task Force 3 – recommends to do away with UGC (and other) seat on ECAC to form a “steering committee.”
  - How should Noel vote?
  - Result will be very few faculty members or students on this group
  - Administrative or Executive comm delegates out to university committees, and sets agenda for Academic Council so is an important committee
  - KK thoughts:
    1. Reduces faculty and student voice
    2. Fewer faculty in charge of more things does not seem like improved on greater “faculty voice”
  - UGC Members ask for:
    1. Clarification of ECAC role
    2. Mary will carry will of group
  - Motion: seek more clarification of role of ECAC and UGC role on it if not, vote against
  - Motion #2 – UGC should support continued Graduate student involvement
4. Remarks from the Graduate School (Klomparens)
  - Thank you for coming so late in the semester!
  - Happy Holidays
5. Remarks from the COGS Representative (Boyer)
  - National Association of Graduate-Professional students Midwest Conference at MSU March 14-15, 2008
6. Reports of the University Graduate Council Subcommittees:
  - Curriculum and Program Review Committee: none

- Academic Research Policy Subcommittee: G. Dummer: perhaps a draft ready for UGC related to federal definition of misconduct
  - Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee: none
7. \*Request to establish a **Master of Public Health** degree in **Public Health** in the College of Human Medicine.
- Dr. Aron Sousa – Senior Associate Dean Academic Affairs
  - MPH- a new degree type
  - Statewide interest in public health, meets land grant mission of MSU
  - Epidemiology department is lead
  - Non-thesis masters program, with focused projects
  - N=30 fall 2008
  - Accreditation after one year
  - 18 core credits for a certification
  - See attachment
8. \*Request to establish a **Graduate Specialization in Public Health** in the College of Human Medicine.
- **Unanimously Approved:** one motion for #7 and #8
9. Graduate Certification Proposal (Hi Fitzgerald, Dozier Thornton, Bob Brown)
- See Attachment (x2)
  - Focus currently on research; some on teaching/learning and service
  - Tools of engagement available across curriculums and programs
  - Working with new UG residential college now
  - 12 letters of support
  - Model constructed for engaging graduate students
  - Portfolio engagement skills; meaningful reflection
  - On transcript (similar to Certification in College Teaching)
  - Flexible content and unit guided.
10. Roundtable
- Can we think about change name of Committee to University Graduate and Professional Committee (from COGS)
  - SBA (Student Bar Association) vocal about COGS. Law faculty supportive of COGS! Klomprens has met with SBA.
11. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:00