

Meeting of November 16, 2011, 2:00 p.m.  
Adamany Undergraduate Library, Community Room

**Agenda**

**I. Approval of Minutes:** October 19, 2011\*

**II. Graduate Council Committee Reports**

- A. Executive Committee
- B. New Programs Committee

**III. Old Business**

- A. Proposal to Revise Criteria for Graduate Faculty Appointments\*  
*Guest:* Ronald T. Brown, Provost
- B. Other Old Business

**IV. New Business**

- A. Proposal for a Master of Laws Program in General Legal Studies\*  
Paul Dubinsky, Graduate Program Director, Law School
- B. Other New Business

**V. Report of the Dean**

**VI. Other Reports**

- A. Graduate Admissions
- B. Research Office Liaison
- C. Academic Senate Liaison
- D. University Libraries Liaison

**VII. Adjournment**

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**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of November 16, 2011  
2:00 p.m., Adamany Undergraduate Library, Community Room**

Members Present: M. Anderson, A. Biswas, J. Brandell, L. Buis, A. Cano, J. Casida, C. Chow, M. Clark, J. Davis, M. Dickson, P. Dubinsky, J. Dunbar, T. Edwards, J. Green, R. Holley, K. Jackson, G. Mao, A. Mathur, J. Moldenhauer, B. Neavill, S. Ng, K. Paesani, R. Pauley, H. Ratner, L. Schwiebert, M. Smoller, A. Weisz, C. Winston, A. Yaprak, J. Yoon

Members Absent  
with Notice: A. Feig, A. Kowluru, S. Terlecky

Members Absent: A. Butler, R. Hutson, S. Ilmer, M. Malek, M. Neely

Also Present: C. Barduca, K. Lueckeman, J. McGlone, L. Romano

The meeting was convened at 2:04 p.m. by the Chairperson, Dean Ratner.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of October 19, 2011.

**II. Old Business**

**PROPOSAL TO REVISE CRITERIA FOR GRADUATE FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

Guest: Ronald T. Brown, Provost

Dean Ratner provided context for Provost Brown's visit prior to his arrival. Dean Ratner discussed concerns that she received via memo from Lou Romano, President of the Academic Senate, regarding changes to the publication criteria for Graduate Faculty appointments. The three concerns outlined were that 1) the new policy was a top-down edict from the Graduate School. 2) the policy should exempt Assistant Professors in the sciences due to challenges with setting up labs and training students, and 3) there needed to be clarity on what constitutes a publication.

Dean Ratner discussed her response to the memo stating that the decision to change the Graduate Faculty requirements did not reflect a top-down edict, but was the result of discussion by a representative faculty body, the Academic Standards Committee of the Graduate Council, that had been ongoing over a lengthy period of time. She also suggested that they take a look at data to evaluate the issue with respect to exemption of assistant professors. Dean Ratner reiterated that the revision did not change the definition of a publication, only the number of publications within a four year period.

Lou Romano elaborated on his meaning of "top down," and further discussed that there has been no difference in the weight ascribed to a book vs. a journal article. He also described what he recalled as the process for the approval of new policy, which he stated should have included the Academic Senate.

Provost Ronald Brown joined the meeting. He began by discussing his support for the policy that has been passed and agreed that the mentorship model with regard to doctoral training is important. He stated that he has received much support from deans and chairs. Provost Brown acknowledged that there are issues that need to be worked out across the various programs, such as what counts as a publication. Dean Ratner stated that there is a list of examples currently on the website which provides information on what is meant by publications. Provost Brown, Graduate Council members and Lou Romano discussed issues concerning the clarity of the proposal, as submitted via memo by the Academic Senate. Primary discussion related to issues with defining and clarifying minimal standards for the policy amendment, such as, how books and journal articles would differ for various departments.

Provost Brown summarized his purpose of attendance by stating that he embraced the increase in standards with regard to Graduate Faculty appointments. He requested that the Council ask various units, when necessary, to clarify how their form of scholarship differs from the standard in the policy. He stated that the Graduate Council will be responsible for enacting and implementing the Graduate Faculty process. Provost Brown stated that he attended the meeting to provide recommendations, not changes.

Dean Ratner recommended that the matter be referred to the Academic Standards Committee for deliberation on the suggested changes. If the Committee recommends changes, these would go to the Executive Committee and then be referred to the Graduate Council for further discussion and a vote.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. PROPOSAL FOR A MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAM IN GENERAL LEGAL STUDIES**

Paul Dubinsky, Graduate Program Director for the Law School, proposed a new program for a Master of Laws in General Studies which has been approved by the Law School faculty and New Programs Committee. He provided an overview of the program which was designed for outstanding foreign students who have already received a law degree from a school outside the United States.

MOTION was made, seconded, and passed to approve the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in General Legal Studies, pending clarification of the admission standards.

### **IV. GRADUATE COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **A. NEW PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Dean Mathur stated that the New Programs Committee discussed two proposals at its November meeting. The Committee approved the proposal for the Master of Laws Program in General Legal Studies. It approved the moratorium on admissions to the Molecular and Cellular Toxicology program. In addition, the committee is awaiting revisions for the Clinical Scholarship Ph.D. track in Social Work.

### **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **A. ACADEMIC SENATE LIAISON**

Lou Romano reported that the Huron consultant group was previously hired to evaluate the university. The Division of Research was excluded from this evaluation but has been added starting Jan. 1, 2012. The Huron group has submitted a proposal that may impact faculty. 1) Changes will be made to IT, positions will become centralized and servers will be consolidated. 2) There will be a new system for purchasing. Contracts will be negotiated with one or more vendors, purchases will be made by e-procurement. As it relates to travel, the maximum per

diem will be based on the government rates. 3) Colleges and departments will be charged for utilities. If approved, these changes will not be implemented until 2014 or later.

**B. UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES LIAISON**

Jonathan McGlone reported that two new library resource desks have been opened at the off-campus centers.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Winston, GSA, for  
The Secretary of the Graduate Council