

University of Massachusetts Amherst
Graduate Council of the Faculty Senate
D. Anthony Butterfield, Chair
2004-2005

Minutes
Wednesday December 8, 2004

In attendance were Julia Beyer, Nate Therien, Margherita Russotto, James Craig, Maurianne Adams, Anne Moore, Jane Baran, Gary Bernhard, Juan Zamora, Arthur Kinney, Tom Heydt-Benjamin, Rama Janaswamy, Linda Shea, Terry Porter, Tony Butterfield.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Butterfield welcomed new GSS member Julia Beyer, designated representative of GSS President Uri Strauss.

II. The November minutes were approved as amended.

III. Comments by Graduate Dean were omitted because Dean Mullin was absent from the meeting.

IV. Old Business

Chair Butterfield reported that subcommittee assignments are not quite finalized. Julia Beyer volunteered to join and also to chair the Student Affairs Committee.

V. New Business

A. Doctorate in Audiology

Arthur Kinney from the Academic Standards and Curriculum Committee (ASCC) described a proposed doctorate in Audiology, including the need for the program due to professional requirement changes beginning in 2007. The program is well planned, sound, and has high quality faculty. The doctorate would eclipse the current M.A. program and there are no new resources required.

The ASCC has passed the proposal unanimously and recommends that the full Council do the same. A motion was made and unanimously approved to this effect.

B. Course Approvals

5 courses from the School of Education were nominated for approval by the ASCC. All were previously experimental courses and all have been thoroughly reviewed. The courses are EDUC 722, EDUC 730, EDUC 732, EDUC 738, EDUC 837.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the 5 courses.

C. Other New Business

In response to a question from the floor, Chair Butterfield explained that the campus-wide task force on UMass Online has begun its work, forming subcommittees and hearing a variety of testimony. It is still early in the process, however, and a report is due in May.

Julia Beyer noted that she and other graduate students are concerned to improve the community on campus for graduate students. She circulated a flyer for a graduate student coffeehouse that this group is starting, to be held after the new year.

VI. Sub-Committee reports as necessary, if not already covered above

Travel—The first group of proposals is currently in committee. Maurianne Adams registered a concern with the new system, which is that since all departments in the School of Education have but one GPD they all must compete against one another for travel funding. The same is true for the School of Management.

Ethics—A joint activity with Research Affairs is planned for April 15. Among other events, representatives from the Human Subjects Committee of the U.S. Department of Human Services will be present.

Mentoring—The committee meets later in December to plan the spring symposium and to prepare grant applications for distribution in January.

Student Affairs—As reported above, Julia Beyer joined and volunteered to chair this committee.

Fellowship—No report.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 12:55.

Submitted by Terry Porter