

**Minutes of the Graduate Council Meeting  
October 10, 2008**

Present: Karen Bell, Barbara Chorzempa, Laurel Garrick Duhaney, Liz Hester, Dan Kempton, Ying Lin, Gweneth M. Lloyd, Rosemary Millham, Bernadette Morris, , Jon Raskin, Narcyz Roztocki, Anat Shiftan, Vika Shock

1. The minutes from the meeting of October 3 were unanimously approved with minor amendments.
2. Announcements
  - a. Laurel Garrick Duhaney announced that all graduate advisors, not just the graduate coordinators, will be invited to the newly renamed Graduate Advisors' Brunch. Lists of graduate advisors should be sent to Vika Shock.
  - b. Gweneth Lloyd handed out a flyer on the Graduate Student Psychotherapy Group. In the course of discussion it was asked whether tour guides could be made available for prospective graduate students who want to visit the campus.
  - c. Jon Raskin asked for response to his intention to abandon the usual format for the graduate faculty meeting and instead structure the meeting around a particular theme, such as graduate admissions standards. Discussion of this point led to mention of the old problem that the Graduate Council is not included on the list of central committees. It was announced that the Faculty Representative, Simin Mozayeni, had promised to review the matter.
3. Old Business
  - a. New course proposal GLG 509, Water Resources Management, was approved unanimously. It was noted that the course catalogue description should be on the syllabus. Jon Raskin suggested that it would be useful to post a syllabus template.
  - b. New course proposal SPE 798, Young Children with Disabilities, was approved unanimously with minor revisions.
  - c. Laurel Garrick Duhaney encouraged Council members to discuss admissions standards with their departments. She emphasized that no changes have yet been made in admissions policy and said that the goal of the review is simply to establish commonalities in admission standards among departments.
4. Additional Old Business

Laurel Garrick Duhaney recalled that at the previous meeting the Council had approved a 10-year limit on transfer credits. She discovered after the fact, however, that a policy of a 7-year limit was already in place, and she asked which limit the Council favored. The 10-year limit was reaffirmed, with the qualification that individual departments could impose a more stringent time limit.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35.

Submitted by Dan Kempton

