

**Florida Atlantic University  
University Graduate Council  
Minutes  
April 28, 2010**

**Present:** William McDaniel (Chair), Business; Deborah Floyd, Education; Ronald Nyhan, CAUPA; Larry Liebovitch, Science; Susan Folden, Nursing; Ali Zilouchian, Engineering; Khaled Sobhan, Engineering; Emily Stockard, Arts and Letters; George Morales, GSA; Stuart Glazer, Arts & Letters; Charles Roberts, Science; Terry Skantz, Business; Shirley Gordon, Nursing; Valerie Bryan, Education,

**Absent:** Ben Lowe, Arts & Letters; Massimo Caputi, Biomedical Science; Xupei Huang, Biomedical Science; Elwood Hamlin II, CAUPA; Ashley Pinette, GSA

**Others Present:** Barry Rosson, Graduate College; Barbara Bebergal, Graduate College; Gary Perry, Science; Janet Blanks, Science; Russell Ivy, Science.

**The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by McDaniel.**

**I. Approve Minutes from March 2010 Meeting.**

The minutes were unanimously approved.

**II. New Chairperson for 2010-2011.**

The council agreed by consensus to elect an acting chair for the summer of 2010. Floyd nominated Ron Nyhan for the position, it was seconded( inaudible) and the council approved unanimously.

**III. Courtesy Appointments on Supervisory Committees.**

The topic of courtesy appointments led to lengthy discussion. A motion was offered to ask the provost to issue another memorandum for courtesy appointments for the sole purpose of serving on graduate supervisory committees, not requiring background checks for these individuals. Floyd made the motion and the council majority approved.

The council agreed by consensus that the issue of Intellectual Property and Conflict of Interest should be determined by the individual colleges and that the council does not have to make an official determination.

**IV. Approve College Level Graduate Policies**

**a. Charles E. Schmidt College of Science-**During lengthy discussion about the wording of General Policies # 1 and #2 have to be changed since both are giving too much power to the chair and the verbiage is confusing as to if it's one or two people. A motion was made

(inaudible) and Skantz asked that #4 begin with “Outside members of similar standing who are not FAU graduate faculty may be included, pending approval of the Department/Program Chair, CESCOS Dean, and the Graduate College Dean.”

It was agreed by consensus (Floyd and Bryan opposed) that the Graduate Policies for the College of Science document would go forward until after the summer at which point changes by the college can be revisited.

**b. College of Business**

**c. College of Nursing**

**d. CAUPA**

**e. College of Engineering and Computer Science**

Floyd suggested that the b, c and d documents be approved since all three are in compliance with the university governance document.

McDaniel moved that it be approved and Gordon seconded it. The council unanimously approved the motion.

Nyhan moved to accept document e and it was seconded by Bryan. The council unanimously approved it.

#### **V. Dissenting Vote(s) of Students Defense.**

There was lengthy discussion on dissenting votes and McDaniel charged the council to go back to their faculty and ask their opinions on unanimous by default. The topic was tabled.

#### **VI. Change of Members on Supervisory Committees**

The council decided to go back to their colleges to discuss this since it relates to dissenting votes as well. The topic was tabled.

#### **VII. Other Business**

Zilouchian wants to know how other colleges record progress reports from passing qualifying exams and defense.

Rosson stated that at this time the Thesis and Dissertation Guidelines are current. They will be changing in the fall because of the new electronic submission. The format will not change. The new electronic submission program is from UMI Proquest which will be the default electronic submission. The library will no longer have paper copies.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.**