Graduate Council Meeting  
January 27, 2010

**Attendees:** Matthew Aiello-Lammens (GSO), Estie Arkin (Applied Mathematics and Statistics), Allegra de Laurentiis (Philosophy), Dante Di Ianni (Graduate Student Advocate), Elaine Hoffman (Library), Sara Lipton (History), Kent Marks (Graduate School), Lawrence Martin (Dean, Graduate School), Anne McElroy (SoMAS), Susan O’Leary (Psychology), Brian Phillips (Geoscience), Susan Scheckel (English), Marcia Simon (Dental School), Arleen Steckel (Nursing School), Charles Taber (Political Science and Associate Dean, Graduate School), Elizabeth Vink (GSO)

**Absent Members:** Ruth Ben-Zvi (Economics), Alicia DeRosalia (Graduate School), Michael Kifer (Computer Science), A. Laurie Shroyer (Preventative Medicine), Jacobus Verbaarschot (Graduate Council Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Marcia Simon, who chaired the meeting in place of Jacobus Verbaarschot, who was unable to attend.

**Approval of minutes**

Minutes were approved from the 12/14/09 meeting with minor revisions.

**Chair’s Report**

- No comments yet from the Provost on Korea letter.

**Old Business**

- No old business was discussed.

**New Business**

- **Revision of MA in Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies**
  - Not approved at this time – Comp Lit to meet with Charles Taber.

- **Revision of MFA in Theatre Arts**
  - Not approved at this time – Theatre Arts to meet with Charles Taber.

- **Proposal BA-MA in Theatre Arts**
  - Approved pending Charles Taber’s revisions.

- **Chapin Lecture Series**
  - Chapin Lecture Series would like the Graduate Council to support their events. The Council requires clarification before lending its name to the project.
  - ACTION: Invite the members of the Lecture Series to a Grad Council meeting to discuss in further detail.
Dean's Report

- The Dean spoke briefly about the governor’s plan for revenue distribution and tuition increases and informed the Council to familiarize themselves with the plan and the pros and cons in support for and against the proposed legislation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.
Submitted by Dante Dilanni
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