GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

CHAIRED BY:	David S. Chapman	TIME:	3:00 pm
DATE:	29 October 2007	PLACE:	300 Park Building

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:</u> Steve Bealer, Nicki Camp, Julie Fritz, Bill Hesterly, John Martinez, John McDonnell, Pat Murphy, Sally Planalp, Kevin Rathunde, Patrick Tresco, Robert Young, Jingyi Zhu

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: David Chapman, Lisa Blair, Graduate School

EXCUSED: Fred Rhodewalt, Jay Mace, Nancy Nickman, Mary Jane Taylor

FINAL AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 24 September 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

2. Proposal to change status of the Division of Physical Therapy to the Department of Physical Therapy in the College of Health

Changing status of the Division of Physical Therapy to the Department of Physical Therapy follows recommendations from the Graduate Council 2006 – 2007 review of the Division of Physical Therapy. Departmental status for the Division of Physical Therapy will increase independence and is consistent with national trends. The majority of Physical Therapy programs of similar size are classified as departments.

ACTION TAKEN:

- **Motion:** Approve the proposal to change status of Division of Physical Therapy to Department of Physical Therapy as presented
- **Vote:** Approved unanimously.
- Action: Inform the Division of Physical Therapy of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the proposal to change status of the Division of Physical Therapy to Department of Physical Therapy. The proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

3. Proposal to create a University of Utah Center for Human Values and Applied Ethics

A nascent Center for Human Values and Applied Ethics is currently functioning in a committee format. Research interests and potential funding warrant the effort to obtain official center status. The center is modeled as a support resource rather than a replacement for programs and courses currently in place. The center will be housed in the David Eccles School of Business.

Council concerns included the number of boards for governance, and unclear connection between each of the boards in terms of input, procedure and reporting lines. Also noted is the issue of how to reconcile large donor contributions and possible influence on focus of study. The Council asked for a revision to include an organizational chart with defined relationship between committee and boards; a clear procedure for board and committee appointments; and a mechanism for ensuring large contributions do not influence focus of study.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion:	Table the proposed creation of the University of Utah Center for Human Values and Applied Ethics.
Vote:	Approved unanimously.
Action:	Inform the Interdisciplinary Committee of the Graduate Council's decision to table the proposal. Engage Professor Boardman in a discussion of the requested revisions to address the proposal shortcomings.

4. Proposal to change the degree name Comparative Literature to Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies in the Department of Languages and Literature, College of Humanities

Comparative Literature is widely viewed as an outdated name, associated with Eurocentric programs. The proposed name reflects the national trend to offer a broader, global curriculum, and better prepares students for the jobs they're likely to seek. The name change has been implemented for major and minor. The department wants the graduate level degrees to be consistent with the undergraduate level major and minor.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion:	Approve the proposal to change the name of Comparative Literature to Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies in the Department of Languages and Literature, College of Humanities with requested revision.
Vote:	Approved unanimously.
Action:	Inform the Department of Languages and Literature of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the proposal to change the name of Comparative Literature to Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies. The revised proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

5. Proposal for change in administrative structure for the College of Architecture + Planning

The Planning Program has grown significantly since its move to the College of Architecture + Planning in 2003. Presently, the single department structure has reached the workable limits of that structure. Funding to support the Director of School of Architecture and the Chair of the Department of City and Metropolitan Planning has been allocated from College resources, as well as funding for administrative assistant support.

ACTION TAKEN:

- **Motion:** Approve the proposal for change in administrative structure for the College of Architecture + Planning as presented.
- **Vote:** Approved, with one against.

Action: Inform the College of Architecture + Planning of the Graduate Council's decision to approve the change in administrative structure. The proposal will be forwarded to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for transmittal to the Academic Senate.

6. Review of the Department of Family and Consumer Studies

The Review of the Department of Family and Consumer Studies was moved to the November agenda.