

**College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
Minutes of the Faculty Meeting
May 9, 2012**

Dean Sapiro began the meeting by asking if there was any Old Business or New Business. There was not. Additionally, no Automatic Consent Items were called up for discussion or vote.

Dean Hughes then brought forth a proposal from the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee (GAAC) to revise GRS policy on the composition of examining committees for final PhD oral exams.

Summary of Revisions: Current policy, dating from when GRS was the only PhD-granting school of Boston University, would be revised (1) to allow all Boston University professorial faculty (not just GRS faculty) to sit on dissertation committees; (2) to require that at least two committee members, including the chair, be faculty members in the student's department or graduate program; and (3) to require that a majority of the committee members be Boston University faculty members. As previously, departments may establish additional rules, and committee membership must be approved by the chair or DGS.

Dean Hughes noted that approximately half of the special appointment requests he signs are for ENG and other BU (non-GRS) faculty. The faculty voted 43 in favor, none opposed or abstaining.

Dean Hughes also noted the GAAC is busy going through bulletin copy.

Dean Sapiro entertained motions to recommend students for graduation in 2012:

- Dean Hughes moved to recommend 201 candidates for graduation with the PhD.
- Dean Jackson moved to recommend 487 candidates for graduation with Master's (MA, MFA, or MS) degrees.
- Dean Jarvi moved to recommend 1828 candidates for graduation with the BA.

All three motions were seconded and passed by acclamation.

Dean Sapiro encouraged faculty to attend Class Day, the PhD hooding, and Commencement. She urged faculty to ensure there would be faculty representation at the hooding ceremony for all departments graduating PhDs, and referred everyone to the Commencement website (<http://www.bu.edu/commencement/2012/index.shtml>) for more information.

The College Prizes for Excellence in Teaching and Student Advising were presented with accolades to each of the faculty members.

- Kevin Gallagher (IR) received the Gitner Award for Distinguished Teaching in the College of Arts & Sciences.
- David Sullivan (CS) received the Neu Family Award for Excellence in Teaching in the College of Arts & Sciences.
- Gregory Williams (HAA) received the Frank & Lynne Wisneski Award for Excellence in Teaching in the College of Arts & Sciences.
- James Pasto (WP) received the inaugural Award for Distinction in First Year Undergraduate Education.
- Jeremy DeSilva (AN) received the 2012 Templeton Award for Excellence in Student Advising.
- Dorothy (Dottie) Kelly (RO) received the 2012 Templeton Award for Excellence in Student Advising.
- James Traniello (BI) received the 2012 Templeton Award for Excellence in Student Advising.

Acknowledgement of Faculty Service included gratitude to the following committee chairs:

- Barbara Diefendorf (HI), Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee
- Steve Rosenberg (MA), Lecturer Promotion Committee
- David Fried (MA), Academic Policy Committee
- Dennis Costa (RO), Humanities Curriculum Committee
- Rich West (CS), Natural Sciences Curriculum Committee
- Ian Sue Wing (GE), Social Sciences Curriculum Committee
- Chris Walsh (WP), Academic Conduct Committee
- Kim McCall (BI), Graduate Academic Affairs Committee
- Matt Cartmill (AN), Graduate Research Fellowships Abroad Committee
- Julia Brown (EN), Augustus Howe Buck Scholarship Committee
- Patricia Hills (HAA), Secretary to the Faculty

Acknowledgement of Faculty Retirements:

- Edouard Bustin (PO), with reading by Graham Wilson
- Walter Clemens (PO), with reading by Graham Wilson
- Eugene Green (EN), with reading by Gene Jarrett
- Shelagh Hadley (RO), with reading by Jim Iffland
- Robert Jackson (IR), with reading by Bill Grimes
- Katherine O'Connor (MLCL), with reading by Will Waters
- D. Scott Palmer (IR), with reading by Bill Grimes
- Mark Silverstein (PO), with reading by Graham Wilson

All Chairs and Directors were recognized for their service, with special mention to those who are stepping down:

- Mark Friedl (ES)
- Linda Heywood (AA)
- James Iffland (RO)
- Robert Kaufmann (GE)
- Deanna Klepper (RN)
- Robert Margo (EC)
- Jay Samons (CL)
- John Straub (CH)
- Michael Zank (Judaic Studies)

There was no Faculty Council Report.