

University of Houston  
Graduate and Professional Studies Council  
**Minutes of**  
**Regular Meeting February 5, 2008**

A regular meeting of the University of Houston Graduate and Professional Studies Council convened at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 in the Executive Board Room at Melcher Hall, Room 302.

I. Attendance

*Members Present:*

KiJoon Back, Driss Benhaddou, Roger Boltz, Tom Colbert, Doug Eikenburg, Shirley Ezell, Laura Frishman, Karen Holmes, Paul Janicke, Eli Jones, Nora Laos, Marco Mariotto (ex officio), Brian McFarlin, Robert McPherson, Michael Nikolaou, Tim O'Brien, Cathy Patterson, Paul R. Raffoul, Latha Ramchand, Amy Sater, Susan Scarrow, Larry Witte, Shara Zatopek.

*Members Absent:*

Henry Chafetz, Josephine Tittsworth.

*Staff:*

Brenda Robles, Yolizma Zapata, Margaret Watson.

*Guests:*

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 12:04 by Bob McPherson, Chair of GPSC

II. Approval of the Minutes

- Minutes of December 4, 2007 meeting were approved as written.

**III.** Announcements/Information

IV. Reports by Representatives to Academic Governance Committees

- Representative to Research Council, Laura Frishman  
Dr. Laura Frishman reported that the funds available for research projects will most likely be granted in smaller amounts but extended over time. The level of indirect costs the university receives from NIH has dropped due to tight federal budgets.

- V. Reports on Related University Committees
- Representative to Information Technology and Computing Committee, Paul Raffoul  
Committee has not met this academic year. It appears that the future of the committee is uncertain.
  - Representative to Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Bob McPherson  
Dr. Bob McPherson reported that the committee met briefly with the new President. The NW campus is being considered again. Discussions with PVAM and other interested parties are ongoing. She has also announced that UH will participate in the VSA (Voluntary System of Accountability). GPSC may need to be involved in these discussions regarding how to measure value-added learning.
  - Representative to the Teaching Excellence Committee, Michael Nikolaou  
Dr. Michael Nikolaou reported that classroom observations will begin in February and March.
- VI. Report by Dean of Graduate & Professional Studies, Marco J. Mariotto
- We have requested data from Academic Analytics for this year. Once it is received, Dean Mariotto will report the information to Council. We expect the NRC data to be available in April. GPSC might want to consider making suggestions to the President to be included in her 100-days of data gathering. Dean Mariotto has already requested an increase in the number of stipends as well as an increase in funding for those stipends. These requests will allow us to compete more effectively with other state universities.
- VII. Standing Committee Reports
- Academic Program Evaluation Committee, Cathy Patterson
    - New:
      - GPSC 5972 08S: Realignment of the curriculum and requirements for the Music Education Program
      - GPSC 5978 08S: Proposed Curricular Revision by Music in the MM degree
        - No report
  - Course Evaluation and Review Committee, Roger Boltz
    - Pending:
      - All CBM003 forms except one were approved by the committee and by Council. That CBM form, GPSC 5755 07F: PSYC 6391: Teaching Practicum is being sent back to Psychology for corrections.
      - Council discussed whether we wanted to consider some level of consistency across the number of contact hours required to equal a certain number of credit hours. Council decided not to create any rigid guidelines, but did think that gathering information from other universities might be helpful.

- Graduate Admissions & Student Affairs Committee, Paul Raffoul
  - New:
    - GPSC 5973 08S: Request that a campus-wide procedure to notify current graduate/professional students who do not receive a graduate appointment
    - GPSC 5974 08S: Request that a transparent point/criteria system be established for awarding graduate appointments to current students
    - GPSC 5975 08S: Request for a change in the By Laws regarding how graduate/professional students are appointed to GPSC
    - GPSC 5076 08S: Request that dissertation hour fees be waived after a student is ABD.
  - Pending:
    - GPSC 5696 07F: UCC Request that Council review the Textbook Policy presented by SGA
      - The committee recommended that this request be disapproved. Council voted to support the committee's recommendation.
    - GPSC 5697 07F: UCC Request that Council review the Fair Practices Resolution from SGA
      - The committee recommended that this request be disapproved. Council voted to support the committee's recommendation.
    - GPSC 5799 07F: Request that Council create a Policy for Awarding Posthumous Graduate Degrees
      - The committee recommended the approval of a policy similar to the Undergraduate policy, but with certain revisions. Council supported this request.
    - GPSC 5700 07F: Policy Regarding the Financial Aid Status of Students on COOP
      - This proposal was tabled until additional information could be gathered from Financial Aid
  - Graduate Policies Committee, Shirley Ezell
    - No report.

## VIII. Unfinished Business

### IX. New Business

- Council discussed the need for reports from PeopleSoft to enhance the faculty and staff's ability to advise students. The staff in GPS will gather information on the reports that are currently available in PeopleSoft. In addition, we will provide a list of basic university policies that would form the basis for a graduate advising module. Both of these items will be forwarded to Council members before the next meeting.

- X. Adjournment
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

## ADDENDUM

- Course Evaluation and Review Committee, Roger Boltz
  - Pending:
    - GPSC 5701 07F: PHAR 5402: Pharmacology I
    - GPSC 5702 07F: SPAN 6305: Teaching Spanish for Acquisition
    - GPSC 5703 07F: SPAN 6330: Language Variation and Change
    - GPSC 5704 07F: ANTH 6376: Texas Archaeology
    - GPSC 5705 07F: ANTH 6375: Southeastern U.S. Archaeology
    - GPSC 5706 07F: ANTH 6351: Human Osteology
    - GPSC 5707 07F: ANTH 6343: Anthropology of Wine
    - GPSC 5708 07F: ANTH 6342: Food and Culture
    - GPSC 5709 07F: ANTH 6341: Cultural Ecology
    - GPSC 5710 07F: ANTH 6340: Anthropology and Literature
    - GPSC 5711 07F: ANTH 6337: Anthropology and the Life Cycle and Aging
    - GPSC 5712 07F: ANTH 6301: Language and Cultural Cognition
    - GPSC 5713 07F: ANTH 6379: Archaeology of the Southwestern
    - GPSC 5750 07F: PHIL 6343: Introduction to Cognitive Science
    - GPSC 5751 07F: PSYC 7397: Selected topics in Psychology
    - GPSC 5752 07F: PSYC 7306: Advanced statistics: Multilevel Modeling
    - GPSC 5753 07F: PSYC 6339: Human Motivation
    - GPSC 5754 07F: PSYC 6336: Directed Research in Social Psychology
    - GPSC 5755 07F: PSYC 6391: Teaching Practicum
    - GPSC 5756 07F: PSYC 6363: Seminar in Anxiety
    - GPSC 5757 07F: PSYC 6359: Directed Research in Clinical Psychology
    - GPSC 5758 07F: PSYC 6352: Directed Research in Industrial/Organizational Psychology
    - GPSC 5759 07F: PSYC 6358: Directed Research in Neuropsychology
    - GPSC 5760 07F: PSYC 6365: Directed Research in Developmental Psychology
    - GPSC 5761 07F: PSYC 8330: Cognitive Neuroscience
    - GPSC 5762 07F: COMD 7393: Advanced Practicum in Audiology
    - GPSC 5763 07F: COMD 7391: Clinic in Speech-Language Disorders
    - GPSC 5764 07F: COMD 6377: Audiology for Speech-Language Pathologists
    - GPSC 5765 07F: COMD 6371: Advanced Aural Communication Disorders
    - GPSC 5766 07F: COMD 6328: Acquired Cognitive Disorders

- GPSC 5767 07F: COMD 6325: Professional Issues in Literacy for Speech Language Pathologists
- GPSC 5768 07F: COMD 6324: Neuroscience for Communication Processes
- GPSC 5769 07F: HRMA 6334: Pricing and Revenue Management
- GPSC 5770 07F: HRMA 6353: Services Management
- GPSC 5771 07F: HRMA 6190: Hospitality Research Proposal
- GPSC 5772 07F: HRMA 6290: Professional Paper
- GPSC 5773 07F: HRMA 6599: Thesis I
- GPSC 5774 07F: HRMA 6173: Management Training Work Experience Program II
- GPSC 5775 07F: HRMA 6172: Management Training Work Experience Program I
- GPSC 5776 07F: HRMA 6399: Thesis II
- GPSC 5777 07F: PCEU 7355: Regulatory Affairs
- GPSC 5778 07F: PCEU 7340: Advanced Drug Delivery
- GPSC 5779 07F: PHAR 5254: Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience I and Professional Development
- GPSC 5789 07F: MARK 6398: Special Problems
- GPSC 5790 07F: MARK 7393: Business Consulting Lab I
- GPSC 5791 07F: GENB 7394: Business Consulting Lab II
- GPSC 5792 07F: MARK 7394: Business Consulting Lab II
- GPSC 5793 07F: GENB 7393: Business Consulting Lab I
- GPSC 5794 07F: MARK 8397: Selected Topics in Marketing
- GPSC 5800 07F: COMM 6375: Public Relations Ethics and Philosophy
- GPSC 5801 07F: ECE 6127: Power Transmission and Distribution Laboratory
- GPSC 5802 07F: ECE 6325: Geotechnical Engineering Investigations
- GPSC 5803 07F: CIVE 6343: Retaining Structures and Slope Stability
- GPSC 5804 07F: CIVE 6347: Soil Dynamics
- GPSC 5805 07F: CIVE 7352: Unified Theory of Concrete Structures
- GPSC 5806 07F: ECE 6309: Microlithography for Micro- and Nano-system Manufacturing
- GPSC 5807 07F: INDE 6372: Advanced Linear Optimization
- GPSC 5808 07F: INDE 6363: Statistical Process Control
- GPSC 5809 07F: INDE 7340: Integer Programming
- GPSC 5810 07F: INDE 7372: Tools and Methods for Optimization
- GPSC 5811 07F: INDE 7342: Nonlinear Optimization
- GPSC 5812 07F: INDE 7344: Network Optimization

- GPSC 5813 07F: INDE 7346: Logistics and Distribution Systems
- GPSC 5814 07F: INDE 7352: Stochastic Dynamics Programming
- GPSC 5815 07F: INDE 7385: Manufacturing Systems
- GPSC 5816 07F: ECE 6348: Optoelectronics and Photonics: Principles and Applications
- GPSC 5817 07F: ACCT 7378: Government and Non-Profit Accounting
- GPSC 5818 07F: MARK 7362: Management of Marketing Information
- GPSC 5866 07F: COSC 6355: Ubiquitous Computing
- GPSC 5867 07F: COSC 6358: Interactive Game Development
- GPSC 5868 07F: COSC 6327: Shared Memory Programming
- GPSC 5869 07F: COSC 6335: Data Mining
- GPSC 5870 07F: COSC 6356: Computer Animation and Simulation
- GPSC 5871 07F: COSC 6378: Network System Programming
- GPSC 5872 07F: COSC 6380: Digital Image Processing
- GPSC 5873 07F: LAW 5212: Advanced Legal Writing (LARC III)
- GPSC 5874 07F: LAW 5122: Advocates-Hippard Mock Trial RETRO
- GPSC 5875 07F: LAW 5132: Advocates-Blakely Moot Court – RETRO
- GPSC 5876 07F: LAW 5224: Animal Law
- GPSC 5877 07F: LAW 5240: Applied Appellate Advocacy
- GPSC 5878 07F: LAW 5305: Business Torts
- GPSC 5879 07F: LAW 5420: Civil Practice Clinic I
- GPSC 5880 07F: LAW 5245: Civil Practice Clinic II
- GPSC 5881 07F: LAW 5302: Civil Practice Clinic II
- GPSC 5882 07F: LAW 5417: Civil Practice Clinic II
- GPSC 5883 07F: LAW 5345: Class Actions
- GPSC 5884 07F: LAW 5337: Clean Air Act
- GPSC 5885 07F: LAW 5216: Clean Water Act
- GPSC 5886 07F: LAW 5376: Colloquium
- GPSC 5887 07F: LAW 5227: Consumer Dispute Resolution
- GPSC 5888 07F: LAW 5427: Consumer Dispute Resolution
- GPSC 5889 07F: LAW 5350: Criminal Procedure: The Adjudication Process
- GPSC 5890 07F: LAW 5347: Criminal Procedure: The Investigation Process
- GPSC 5891 07F: LAW 5395: Election Law
- GPSC 5892 07F: LAW 5333: Franchise and Distribution
- GPSC 5893 07F: LAW 5397: Genetics and the Law
- GPSC 5894 07F: LAW 5301: Immigration Clinic II
- GPSC 5895 07F: LAW 5470: Innocence Investigations

- GPSC 5896 07F: LAW 5244: Insurance Appeals: Advocacy Training
- GPSC 5897 07F: LAW 5221: International Commercial Arbitration
- GPSC 5898 07F: LAW 5227: International Enforcement of Intellectual Property
- GPSC 5899 07F: LAW 5218: International Petroleum Transactions
- GPSC 5900 07F: LAW 5391: Law Practice Strategies
- GPSC 5901 07F: LAW 5281: Legal, Ethical, & Practical Issues of Lawyering
- GPSC 5902 07F: LAW 5394: Legislation
- GPSC 5903 07F: LAW 5253: Mediation Advocacy
- GPSC 5904 07F: LAW 5248: Storytelling
- GPSC 5905 07F: Transactional Clinic II
- GPSC 5906 07F: LAW 7307: Seminar: Advanced Topics in Intellectual Property
- GPSC 5907 07F: LAW 7224: Seminar: Comparative Consumer Law
- GPSC 5908 07F: LAW 5111: Advocates-Blakely Moot Court
- GPSC 5909 07F: LAW 5112: Advocates-Hippard Mock Trial
- GPSC 5910 07F: BCHS 6224: Chemical Biology
- GPSC 5911 07F: BCHS 6225: Methods of Enzymological Studies
- GPSC 5912 07F: ELET 6315: Sensor Networks
- GPSC 5913 07F: ELET 6316: Network Routing Algorithms and Protocols
- GPSC 5914 07F: ELET 6317: Optical Networks
- GPSC 5915 07F: HRD 6305: Organizational Learning and Performance
- GPSC 5916 07F: CLIR 6350: Patient Oriented Research Methods
- GPSC 5917 07F: CLIR 6396: Internship
- GPSC 5918 07F: ITEC 6358: Secure Software Design
- GPSC 5919 07F: TEPM 6303: Risk Assessment in Project Management
- GPSC 5920 07F: TEPM 6304: Contemporary Quality Assessment in Project Management
- GPSC 5921 07F: THEA 7331: Graduate Directing
- GPSC 5922 07F: THEA 7332: Graduate Directing II
- GPSC 5923 07F: THEA 7333: Graduate Directing III
- GPSC 5924 07F: THEA 7334: Graduate Directing IV
- GPSC 5925 07F: THEA 7335: Graduate Directing Creative Project
- GPSC 5926 07F: THEA 7341: Graduate Directing/Designer Collaboration I

- GPSC 5927 07F: THEA 7342: Graduate Directing/Designer Collaboration II
- GPSC 5928 07F: THEA 6360: Theatrical Wig Construction and Styling
- GPSC 5929 07F: THEA 6368: Costume Design for Dance
- GPSC 5930 07F: THEA 6377: Costume Draping
- GPSC 5931 07F: THEA 7302: Graduate Acting II
- GPSC 5932 07F: THEA 7303: Graduate Acting III
- GPSC 5933 07F: THEA 7304: Graduate Acting IV
- GPSC 5934 07F: THEA 7305: Graduate Acting Creative Project
- GPSC 5935 07F: THEA 7311: Graduate Movement I
- GPSC 5936 07F: THEA 7312: Graduate Movement II
- GPSC 5937 07F: THEA 7313: Graduate Movement III
- GPSC 5938 07F: THEA 7314: Graduate Movement IV
- GPSC 5939 07F: THEA 7321: Graduate Voice/Speech I
- GPSC 5940 07F: THEA 7322: Graduate Voice/Speech II
- GPSC 5941 07F: THEA 7323: Graduate Voice/Speech III
- GPSC 5942 07F: THEA 7324: Graduate Voice/Speech IV
- GPSC 5958 07F: MUSA 8320: Doctoral Applied Music
- GPSC 5959 07F: NUTR 6315: Advanced Nutrient Metabolism
- GPSC 5960 07F: NUTR 6312: Nutrition, Exercise and Cardiovascular Health
- GPSC 5961 07F: NUTR 6301: Sports Nutrition
- GPSC 5962 07F: NUTR 6306: Seminar in Nutrition
- GPSC 5963 07F: EPSY 8319: Inferential Statistics in Psychological and Educational Research
- GPSC 5964 07F: EPSY 8322: Intermediate Statistical Analysis in Psychological and Educational Research
- GPSC 5965 07F: EPSY 8324: Multivariate Analysis in Psychological and Educational Research
- GPSC 5966 07F: EPSY 8321: Structural Equation Modeling in Psychological and Educational Research
- GPSC 5967 07F: PEP 8307: Assessment of Obesity
- GPSC 5968 07F: PEP 8309: Individual-Level Influences on Obesity
- GPSC 5969 07F: PEP 8308: Genetic and Physiological Basis for Obesity and its Comorbidities
- GPSC 5970 07F: PEP 8310: Public Health, Policy and the Obesogenic Environment
- GPSC 5696 07F: PHAR 5403: Pharmacology II
- GPSC 5697 07F: PHAR 5302: Medicinal Chemistry I
- GPSC 5698 07F: PHAR 5203: Medicinal Chemistry II