

**Standing Committee Reports
for November 9, 2006 Faculty Meeting**

Academic Standards Committee (Dr. Theresa Koehler, Chair)

The Committee has met twice since the last Faculty meeting and approved:

- 4 of 4 Advisory Committees
- 5 of 5 Supervisory Committees
- 4 Petitions for M.S. Candidacy
- 9 Petitions for Ph.D. Candidacy
- 2 requests for changes in committee
- 1 academic dismissal

The ASC determined that there is no difference between academic (GPA below a 3.0) and administrative probation (overdue for committee meeting, candidacy exam, etc.). The Advisory Committee composition should be carefully evaluated so that it includes GSBS faculty who are familiar with the School's policies regarding academic deadlines. Ultimately, it is the student's responsibility to know the academic and administrative requirements of the School in order to avoid probation.

Admissions Committee Report (Dr. Hector Martinez-Valdez, Chair)

- 8 Total applications reviewed by the Committee
- 6 PhD applications considered by the Committee
- 4 PhD applicants recommended for admission by the Committee
- 3 PhD applicants offered admission by the Dean
- 1 PhD applicant placed on the hold list
- 2 M.S. and S.M.S. applicants considered by the Committee
- 1 M.S. and S.M.S. applicants recommended for admission by the Committee
- 2 M.S. and S.M.S. applicants offered admission by the Dean

Curriculum Committee (Dr. William Mattox, Chair)

The Curriculum Committee has met once since the last faculty meeting, and:

- Installed new membership for the 2006-07 academic year
- Reviewed the Committee's charge, responsibilities and procedures
- Approved one new course, *GS210014 Design and Management of Clinical Trials* – M. Markman, M.D., Course Coordinator;
- Selected four courses for Tier 1 review in the coming academic year:
 - *GS030102 Current Methods in Molecular Research*
 - *GS040133 Cancer Cell Signaling*
 - *GS120254 Cell and Systems Physiology*
 - *GS140017 Neuroscience*and discussed Tier II reviews of all other area course requirements;
- Discussed topics to cover in the coming year:
 - Identification of courses to be eliminated from the GSBS course roster;
 - Effects of increasing the medical school class size on GSBS cross-listed courses;
 - Review the student course evaluation process, including a spring pilot of the online electronic course evaluation system under development.

Membership Committee (Dr. William Dubinsky, Chair)

The Committee met on October 5th:

- 5 applications for **Regular** Membership were reviewed and were recommended for three-year appointments

2 applications for **Associate** Membership were reviewed and were recommended for three-year appointments

Of 17 applications for *reappointment*,

10 were recommended for five-year reappointments

2 were recommended for five-year reappointments and upgraded to Regular Membership

2 were recommended for five-year reappointments with **commendation**

3 were recommended for three-year reappointments with **encouragement**

As suggested at the Faculty retreat, the Committee recommended that faculty members be rewarded in a small way (a relative weight of 0.05 when they are being reviewed for reappointment) for each Faculty meeting they attend. The Committee also agreed that faculty who sponsor new faculty members should be responsible for teaching them about life at GSBS.

Program Coordinating Committee (Dr. Edward Jackson, Chair)

The Committee met on November 7th and discussed the following issues:

- Changes to NIH training programs
- Surveying employers of our graduates in order to be in compliance with accreditation requirements
- Whether to adopt a compact or document of understanding between students and faculty to clarify expectations of both -- the PCC endorsed the idea and several members volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to consider this issue further
- Analyzing and publishing alumni job placement data
- Program review updates

Student Affairs Committee (Dr. Joya Chandra, Chair)

The Student Affairs Committee has met once since the last faculty meeting, and:

- Installed new membership for the 2006-07 academic year
- Reviewed the Committee's charge, responsibilities and procedures
- Discussed and scheduled an application review meeting for the Cameron Foundation Fellowship;
- Received an update on the online electronic student course evaluation pilot to take place in spring;
- Discussed student inclusion and integration issues, ranging from foreign students, minorities, and Smithville students to non-program and interdisciplinary students, and formed a subcommittee to follow-up throughout the year;
- Discussed career development issues, and formed a subcommittee to follow-up throughout the year;
- Discussed involvement with the GSA regarding shuttle bus monitoring, and formed a subcommittee to follow-up throughout the year;
- Discussed candidacy exam issues, and formed a subcommittee to follow-up throughout the year;
- Tabled three issues, and formed a subcommittee to follow-up throughout the year: continuity of student membership on the Student Affairs Committee (late spring); online student course evaluations (after pilot in spring); origin of students' applications for scholarships and awards (after Cameron review).