

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 29, 2008**

Present: Cathy Brown (recorder), Tim Catalano, Pete Hogan, Ken Itzkowitz, Marilee Morrow, Marybeth Peebles, Mark Sibicky, John Tynan

The meeting minutes of 9/28/08 were approved.

#### Funds for Graduate Travel

It was noted that we now have \$3,640 in the Graduate Student Travel Grant account due to the 9% budget cut. To date, Council has received six applications for student travel grants from Jarvis, Bowman, Norris, Schaefer, Issenock, and Vilas from the PA program and one from Khan for MAP. After discussion, the council unanimously agreed that the chair could approve grant requests without council vote based on the decision that we would fund \$200 for students attending conferences and \$400 for students presenting. Then, if there are funds remaining at the end of the academic year, we will divide them equally among all the students who applied.

#### New Course Proposal

The Master of Arts in Psychology is proposing a new course, PSYC 610, Seminar in Theories of Learning and Behavior. Hogan moved to approve and Itzkowitz seconded. The motion was approved. The course number was changed to 613 by the Records Office because PSYC 610 already existed.

#### Master of International Corporate Media BA/MA Degree Discussion

Morrow submitted a proposal for the combined BA/MA Corporate Media degree. After much discussion, Morrow will make a few recommended changes to the proposal and council will vote via email.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 a.m.

Addendum #1: Chair approved all seven graduate students' travel requests for \$200 and notified the students of their awards. \$2,240 remains in travel grant budget.

Addendum #2: On 11/5/08 Council approved via email vote a petition from Yao Yu, an MICM student, to withdraw from MCM 696 after the drop period.

Addendum #3: On 11/7/08 Chair approved two MICM graduate students' travel requests for \$200 each and notified the students. \$1,840 remains in travel grant budget.