

**Graduate Council Meeting**  
**January 22, 2009**  
**Minutes**

Present: Frances Cai, Ellen Frye, Rochelle Kaplan, Kem Louie, Susan Sabatino, Robin Schwartz, Liana Fornarotto

Guests: Liz Stroppel, Casey Lum, Lorra Brown

Absent: Trudi Van Dyke

1. The Council discussed its concerns about the original proposal presented by the Communications Department for a new M.A. program in Professional Communication and the representatives of the Communications Department adequately addressed each issue. They agreed to make some modifications in the proposal presentation to clarify the applied, marketing, and budgetary aspects that were discussed. The primary change in the proposal will be to submit the proposal as a program change rather than as a new program since the department already has an MA in Communications in operation and the revised program will incorporate many of its existing courses.

The revisions to the proposal will need to be discussed at the department and college levels and then, after they are agreed upon there, the revised proposal will be sent to the Senate Executive Committee (cc to the Graduate Council) for inclusion in the next possible full Senate agenda.

2. The next meeting of the Graduate Council will take place on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the Graduate Office Conference Room in Raubinger Hall. Our agenda will include any new program reviews and a discussion of expanding the criteria for new program proposals based on the categories for new program development taken from the Academic Plan and the current version of the University's Academic Change Proposal form.

Submitted by,  
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