Advanced Programs Governance Committee (APGC)
November 20, 2006-Dean’s Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Katherine Chaddock (Chair); Irma VanScoy (Associate Dean); Elna Moses; Zach Kelehear; Donna Gibson; Pam Jewitt (Substituting for Suzie Long); Richard Hult (Secretary); Peyton Risley (EDLP student rep.); Mitch Helms (EDST student rep.)

1 The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Dr. Chaddock and approval of the October 30 Meeting Minutes was considered.

Some issues in Section III (Old Business) regarding the report of the electronic ballots were discussed. It was agreed that the minutes should be revised and that Dr. Chaddock would rewrite this section for the committee’s review.

2 Next Meeting Date for Fall 2006:

The next committee meeting will be held on December 11 at 3pm. Included in the agenda for this meeting will be establishing committee meeting dates for the Spring 2007 semester.

3 Old Business: There were no items to be considered.

4 New Business:

A) The committee considered the proposed changes for M.Ed. in Language and Literacy. After some discussion, it was agreed that this proposal should be revised and resubmitted by December 5 for consideration at the December 11 committee meeting. The suggested revisions are as follows: 1) First page, at the end of the rationale statement, a note that the change of core requirements from 24 to 27hrs. is needed to recognize that EDTE 760 is a 6 hour course. 2) Second page, in the parentheses, list electives as 0-6 hours, since a student could literally take only core and cognate courses to fill the 33 hours. 3) Third page, concerning the research course options, be more explicit about the needed content of the courses. This could be done by adding such words as “a variety of courses which can help them obtain the measurement, assessment and evaluation competencies they need in the classroom relative…”

B) Discussion focused upon the committee’s current deadline policy. This requires that all proposals to be considered by APGC at a monthly meeting be submitted to the committee no later than the 5th of that given month. Dr. VanScoy noted that this was sometimes difficult for
proposals initiated by faculty from ITE since their department meetings are often scheduled for the first Friday of the month. After some discussion it was agreed that the current policy (allowing for important exceptions) would stay in place but that this issue would be revisited at future meetings, most notably in the spring semester.

5  Associate Dean’s Report- Dr. Irma VanScoy

Dr. VanScoy reported on the status and COE implications of two documents involving the USC graduate school centennial year.

The first is entitled, The Call for Nominations for USC Graduate School Centennial Fellowships. Each carries a $1,000 monetary award but the receipt of applications deadline for this competition is December 1, 2006.

The second is entitled the Centennial Poster Contest. Five awards will be each worth $1,000 and ten awards will be each worth $500. Students considering participation should attend a Friday Forum on December 1, 2006 at 12 noon in Byrnes 704.

With respect to both competitions but particularly the first, Dr. VanScoy urged committee members to quickly and effectively communicate with their respective departmental faculty, program coordinators and department chairs such that the COE might be adequately represented and competitive for these awards.

6 The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Hult, Committee Secretary