

**Graduate Affairs Committee  
Department of Mathematics  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Wednesday, September 2, 2009 - Minutes

Committee members present: Ilya Kapovich (*Chair*), Bruce Berndt, Rick Gorvett, Will Green, Eugene Lerman, Jang-Mei Wu, Randy McCarthy (*ex of*), Robert Muncaster (*ex of*)

Committee members absent: None (one additional graduate student member to be identified by next meeting)

Meeting start: 12:03 pm      Meeting end: 12:53 pm      Location: 331 Altgeld Hall

The first meeting of the Graduate Affairs Committee (GAC) for the 2009-10 academic year was brought to order by Chair Kapovich, who made welcoming remarks.

The following items were mentioned and discussed:

- 1) Committee Structure: Kapovich mentioned that one additional graduate student GAC member would be identified by the next meeting. Kapovich also mentioned that, due to financial considerations, a staff person will not be available to take notes at GAC meetings; Gorvett will take notes and prepare minutes.
- 2) Charge from EC: Kapovich distributed an item for GAC discussion this year from the Math Chair and EC, to consider developing a policy regarding TA appointments for long-term graduate students who seem unlikely to get PhDs.
- 3) Potential GAC Issues: GAC members were each given an opportunity to mention specific issues which might be appropriate for GAC discussion and action this year. Kapovich will summarize and prioritize the emerging list of topics for future meetings.
- 4) TA Appointments: Muncaster and McCarthy led a preliminary discussion regarding how TA appointments are currently made in the Department of Mathematics.

The next GAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at 12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Gorvett, GAC