

**GSAS Executive Committee
Final Report 2008-2009**

The GSAS Executive Committee of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences met three times during the academic year 2008-2009: August 28, 2008, December 10, 2008 and April 29, 2009.

The committee consisted of:

Lynne Pepall, Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Martha Pott, Chair, Child Development

Claire Conceison, Drama (on leave S'09)

Richard Chechile, Psychology (on leave S'09)

Barbara Grossman, Drama (substitute for Claire Conceison)

Joseph Litvak, English

Michael Reed, Biology

Krzysztof Sliwa

The primary function of the GSAS Executive Committee is to review requests for leave of absence, extension of time, transfer of outside courses and approval of Tufts undergraduate courses for graduate credit and decide upon action according to Graduate School policy. The committee reviewed and decided upon:

1. One (1) withdrawal
2. Sixteen (16) extensions of time
3. One (1) leave of absence
4. Twenty Nine (29) transfers of credit
5. Five (5) Tufts undergraduate courses for graduate credit

Issues:

Withdrawal of Sunil Swaroop, Drama

Repeated requests for extensions of time were discussed at length and precipitated revising the LOA and Extension of Time forms. The new revised forms are currently on-line for the students to access.

The Committee voted time-limit on outside transfers to 5 years.

Sub-committee was created to discuss paternal leave. The committee consisted of Dean Pepall, Martha Pott, Claire Conceison. The Grad Student Council was included in the discussions. A new policy was decided upon for requests for Paternal Leave.

Students will not lose university services.

The leave will not count towards time to degree.

PhDs will have 50% subsidy for health insurance.

Martha Pott, Child Development, will continue as Chair of the Committee.
Claire Conceison will no longer be on the committee. She is leaving Tufts.
Barbara Grossman, Drama, will join the committee.
Michael Reed, Biology, will be on sabbatical 2009-2010. A replacement will be selected.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Pott".

Martha Pott, Ph.D.