Executive Committee Meeting Minutes:
October 11, 2002

Whetten Graduate Center - Giolas Conference Room
2:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 P.M. Associate Vice Provost James G. Henkel presided.

2. There was discussion about the proposal under consideration to modify the University's calendar. A draft letter summarizing the main points of the Graduate Faculty Council's 9-25-2002 discussion of the matter was read. Revisions were recommended.

3. It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the 9-13-2002 meeting.

4. It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent on a voice vote to approve the list of Plans of Study and Dissertation Proposals.

5. There was continued discussion concerning the proposal from the College of Continuing Studies (CCS) to implement a Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.) degree program. Specifically, the report of the sub-committee formed at the 9-13-2002 meeting and the response to that document received from the CCS were considered. Areas needing further CCS clarification were identified. It was agreed that CCS will be asked to clarify these points, to incorporate the revised responses to the sub-committee document in the original proposal, and to present the finished document for consideration at the November 8th meeting.

6. J. Henkel informed the group that the joint UConn/URI Master of Arts degree program in German that has operated for many years is in the final phase of closing down. There was brief discussion.

   It was moved (D. Herzberger), seconded (J. Marsden), and passed without dissent on a voice vote to close the program when all currently-active students have had the opportunity to complete their degree requirements.

7. It was agreed to call a meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council for October 30, 2002. The purpose is to meet jointly with the Graduate Student Senate for a presentation by Dana McGee, Director of the Office of Diversity and Equity (ODE), and Carlian Dawson, Director of Training Programs for the ODE. Their topic will be Diversity in Graduate Education. A social hour will follow the presentation.

8. It was noted that C. Kristina Gunsalus of the University of Illinois will speak on October 17th in the North Reading Room of the Wilbur Cross Building. The title of her presentation is Research Ethics: How to Have a Dispute Professionally.

9. G. Anderson, University Senate Liaison, reported.

10. L. Strausbaugh, who also serves on the University Senate Growth and Development Committee, spoke about the importance of the Visiting Scholars Program. She moved that the Executive Committee confirms its enthusiastic support for continuing its collaboration with the Senate in this important area. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.
11. There was discussion about future nominations for honorary degrees. It was agreed to raise the matter at a future time with the Executive Committee and the Graduate Faculty Council.
12. There was brief discussion about new reporting requirements concerning international students.
13. Adjournment was at 4:04 P.M.

Present:

- Anderson, G.
- Clifford, J.G.
- Cournoyer, D.
- Herzberger, D.
- Henkel, J. (Associate Vice Provost)
- Marsden, J.
- Pagoulatos, E.
- Peters, T. (Assistant Dean)
- Smith, E.
- Strausbaugh, L.

Regrets:

- Greger, J.
- Maresh, C.
- Maxwell, G.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Peters
Secretary