Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

January 31, 1996
United Nations Room
3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M. Dean Thomas Giolas presided.

2. It was moved (R. Coons), seconded (D. Camaiione), and passed without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the December 13, 1995 meeting.

3. An election was held to fill two seats on the GFC Executive Committee. The terms of L. Klobucher and E. Pagoulatos expire in January 1996.

   Nominated were: D. Camaiione, E. Pagoulatos, and A. Pappano. It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent on a voice vote to close nominations.

   Voting was by paper ballot. D. Camaiione and E. Pagoulatos were elected to three-year terms.

   T. Giolas announced that he would appoint A. Pappano to a seat on the Executive Committee. The term of R. Garfinkel also expires in January 1996.

4. The balance of the meeting was devoted to a detailed and extensive presentation by J. Henkel on the recently-published National Research Council (NRC) ratings of doctoral programs.

   Henkel distributed copies of a handout containing an outline of the presentation as well as appendices highlighting comparisons of UConn’s ratings and the ratings of two groups of selected universities—peer institutions and goal institutions.

   Discussion was lengthy. It was agreed that a task force of faculty should be created to work with Henkel in addressing issues raised by the NRC ratings.

   It was agreed that the Council will continue its discussion of this matter at the February 1996 meeting.

5. Adjournment was at 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Peters
Secretary

PRESENT

Councillors

J. Allen               R. Coons               J. Heiss               E. Pagoulatos
R. Bee                 D. Cooper               A. Hild               A. Pappano
T. Blank               P. Douglas             R. Hiskes             M. Proser
R. Blii                G. English             G. M. Howard (alt)    N. Rodriguez
D. Camaiione           J. Grasso               V. Makowsky           S. Sacks
P. Clapp               R. Gromley             R. McCartney          D. Schroeder
R. Colwell             E. J. Gubbins           E. Murtha-Smith (alt) L. Sloan

Graduate School: T. Giolas, J. Henkel, G. Maxwell, E. Sellers, and T. Peters