

GRADUATE FACULTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

November 28, 1990

United Nations Room, 3:30 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:38 P.M. Dean T. Giolas presided.
2. It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the September 26, 1990 meeting.
3. T. Giolas introduced Interim President Harry Hartley who spoke about the report of the Thomas Commission. Hartley offered his impressions of the report as it relates to public higher education in Connecticut, and he expressed particular concern about four points. These are:
 - a. The proposed merger of The University of Connecticut and The Connecticut State University,
 - b. The proposed creation of a Chancellorship and a centralized administrative office which would oversee and operate the merged universities,
 - c. The proposed merger of specific campuses across the State, and
 - d. The restriction of access to the University that would be certain to result from the proposed increase in cost to the student.

Final action on the recommendations of the Thomas Commission is in the hands of the Legislature. Hartley indicated that some legislators appear to be in substantial agreement with the University's position of opposition to certain proposals contained in the report. In closing, the President noted that much useful debate and exploration of the University's mission and role have resulted from discussion of the report.

The President responded to several questions. It was agreed that a dominant theme of the University's response to the report must be the preservation and enhancement of The University of Connecticut's RESEARCH mission.

4. Discussion of the President's presentation ensued following his departure.

It was moved (W. Berentsen) that the Graduate Faculty Council formulate a general statement of response to the report of the Thomas Commission. There were several seconds.

L. Strausbaugh suggested that the Council identify key issues for special emphasis such as the matters of the tuition waiver for Graduate Assistants, overhead monies, and the like. J. Smith recommended that the Council state in direct terms that it opposes the merger of The University of Connecticut and The Connecticut State University.

The motion passed without dissent on a voice vote.

5. F. Carstensen, Chair of the Graduate Student Support Committee, reported. He presented two resolutions for the Council's consideration and action.

Carstensen moved adoption of the first resolution, which follows:

The Graduate Faculty Council strongly endorses Dean Vengroff's policy memorandum of October 12, 1990 which establishes clear guidelines for the release of information regarding graduate students to individuals or agencies from outside the University.

The motion was seconded (R. Coons). Following brief discussion, the motion passed without dissent on a voice vote.

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The second resolution, which follows, also was moved by Carstensen:

The Graduate Faculty Council urges ~~the creation of a standing Advisory Committee on University Housing~~ representation on a University committee on housing. Membership should include representatives from Residential Life, Facilities, the University Senate, and the Graduate Faculty Council as well as any other appropriate component of the University Community (e.g., the Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate Student Senate). This committee would help in the analysis of needs for housing (undergraduate, graduate, faculty, visiting scholars) and in the development of plans to meet these needs.

(Crossed-out and underscored text above represents a friendly amendment made by W. Berentsen and accepted by Carstensen.)

The motion was seconded (P. Douglas and J. Wilkie). There was discussion. E. Sellers spoke of his involvement with a campus-wide committee on housing. The point was made that there are no faculty members on this committee. The level of representation that is sought should be on a par with the (President's) Parking Committee.

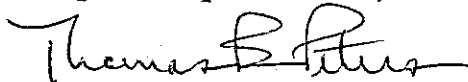
Carstensen made the point that many promising graduate students have chosen to go elsewhere because of a lack of adequate and/or satisfactory housing. Many international students cannot obtain I-20's for the same reason.

T. Roberts and P. Douglas advocated the addition of faculty and graduate student representation on the campus-wide housing committee discussed by Sellers. Carstensen noted that the resolution, if passed, could well open the door to bring about the addition of such representation to this existing committee.

The motion (with Berentsen's friendly amendment) passed without dissent on a voice vote.

6. A motion to adjourn passed on a standing vote at 5:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas B. Peters
Secretary

THOSE PRESENT:

Councillors

A. Abramson	H. Hansen	T. Roberts
W. Berentsen	D. Herzberger	P. Rosenberg
S. Biggs	T. Jones	R. Shaw
F. Carstensen	J. Knox	J. Smith
R. Coons	J. Koberstein	L. Strausbaugh
J. DeWolf	R. Miller	F. Trainor
P. Douglas	R. Milvae	J. Wilkie
S. Greenspan	E. Pagoulatos	C. Zirakzadeh

Ex officio

H. Hartley	J. Henkel	E. Sellers
T. Giolas	B. Koeppen	T. Peters