GRADUATE FACULTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

March 30, 1994
United Nations Room, 3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:07 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 January 26, 1994 meeting.

3. The Stamford Campus initiative was discussed.

4. The Strategic Planning initiative was discussed. T. Giolas introduced Provost Tighe who spoke about the following:
   a. the Strategic Planning Committee and its membership
   b. the Committee’s initial meetings
   c. the work of the Subcommittee on Academic and Research Excellence, which is headed by Tighe
   d. allocation and reallocation of resources, which goes hand-in-hand with "c" above
   e. the institution’s distinctive graduate and research mission in the State
   f. the resolve of the Committee to produce a strategic plan and to act to implement it
   g. the creation of a subcommittee to address the infrastructure, to be chaired by Vice President Wilbur Jones
   h. the creation of a subcommittee to address community service, to be chaired by Professor Fred Carstensen
   i. the creation of a subcommittee to address bureaucracy, to be chaired by Professor Devendra Kalonia
   j. the importance of audience participation at Committee meetings.

Provost Tighe responded to questions from the floor on the following topics:
   * the importance of tying the planning process to budget and funding
* the backgrounds and interests of the Committee members
* the need for Committee members to spend time in Storrs and to hold meetings on campus
* the need to expand the University's endowment
* the need to obtain planning documents from other institutions of similar ilk for review
* the probable final form and format of the planning document
* flexibility and independence in matters of State policy and procedure other than budget and finance, e.g. personnel policies
* the importance of advance notice of time, date, and place of Committee meetings
* the need to demonstrate persuasively the linkage between research and teaching.

5. Adjournment was at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Peters
Secretary

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PRESENT

Councillors

G. Anderson  J. Faris  C. Nielsen  M. Wachman
R. Baron  E.J. Gubbins  S. Packard  M. Wilbur
J. Barrett  R. Jungas  E. Pagoulatos  P. Willett
D. Camaione  F. Masciandaro  E. Pinner  S. Wisensale
F. Carstensen  A. Mazzocca  T. Roberts  T.J. Yang
R. Coons  D. Miller  C. Simon (alt)
D. Cooper  E. Murtha-Smith  W. Smith
G. Epling  K. Neubeck  C.A. VanLear


SPEAKER: Provost Thomas J. Tighe