

Executive Committee
of the
Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

March 14, 2007
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room
4:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:04 P.M. Vice Provost Gregory J. Anderson presided.
2. G. Anderson introduced newly-elected member Arlene D. Albert, Professor of Molecular and Cell Biology.
3. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the February 7, 2007 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. A request from the Department of Psychology to approve the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) grading option for newly-proposed course PSYC 3XX (PSYC 5399) – *Clinical Psychology Research Group* was considered. J. Barnes-Farrell offered background concerning the request.

Following brief discussion, it was **moved** (E. Pagoulatos), seconded (J.G. Clifford), and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the request.

It was agreed that the concept of this course may be useful in a variety of other graduate programs. J. Henkel agreed to explore the possibility of developing a similarly designed GRAD course.

6. A proposal seeking licensure to offer the existing Teacher Certification Program for College Graduates (TCPCG) at the Waterbury campus was introduced for consideration. There was discussion concerning several aspects of the TCPCG program.

It was **moved** (E. Pagoulatos), seconded (J.G. Clifford), and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the proposal.
7. G. Anderson introduced Larisa Hull from the Office for Sponsored Programs, who spoke about the faculty travel program.
8. It was noted that John Martin, President of the University of Connecticut Foundation, is to speak with members of the GFC Executive Committee and the Research Advisory Council on March 20th about fundraising for graduate fellowships.
9. Anne Lanzit, Program Administrator in the Graduate School, spoke with members about the Bologna Protocol. She explained the differences between three- and four-year baccalaureate programs offered in many countries. Lanzit said that the Graduate School does not accept three-year baccalaureates when the applicant's secondary preparation extends only through the 12th grade. The British model, on the other hand, includes a 13th year at the secondary level. The Bologna Protocol calls for standardization in terms of secondary and college-level curricula (i.e., 12 years of elementary and secondary preparation, three years for the baccalaureate, and two years at the master's level). Forty-five countries to date have agreed to the Bologna Protocol, Lanzit noted. There was discussion about whether or not the Graduate School should consider applicants who hold Bologna-Protocol baccalaureate degrees. It was agreed that the matter should be presented and discussed at the next meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council.
10. It was agreed to call a meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council for 3/21/07.

11. J. Henkel informed members that the Office of Student Financial Aid has informed the Graduate School that summer Work Study fellowships for graduate students will be only \$1,000 this summer -- half the amount provided in previous years previous years. It was agreed that a meeting will be arranged to discuss the matter with Jean Main, Director of the Office of Student Financial Aid.
12. J. Henkel updated the group concerning the ongoing preparations for the upcoming NRC assessments of doctoral programs. He noted that the current UConn return rate for the faculty questionnaire stands at 88.9% -- well above of the national average.
13. Adjournment was at 5:43 P.M.

Present: W. Abikoff, L. Achenie, A. Albert, J. Barnes-Farrell, J. G. Clifford, E. Pagoulatos, E. Schultz,
G. Anderson (*Vice Provost*), J. Henkel (*Associate Vice Provost*), and T. Peters (*Program Director*)

Regrets: G. Maxwell

Speaker: Larisa Hull, *Administrative Services Assistant, Office for Sponsored Programs*

Respectfully submitted,

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Program Director