

Executive Committee
of the
Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

July 5, 2011
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room
2:00 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:07 P.M. Interim Dean Lee A. Aggison, Jr. presided.
2. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the meeting of May 4, 2011.
3. L. Aggison updated members concerning the following:
 - The purchase of the Hobsons graduate admissions software previously demonstrated and discussed has been approved. Graduate School staff members will be attending Hobsons University this week. The plan is for Hobsons personnel to be in Storrs for implementation of the software within the next several weeks.
 - The electronic vote of the Graduate Faculty Council concerning the electronic submission of dissertations was 33 in favor, 9 opposed, and 1 abstention. Testing of the new system will begin soon. Implementation will follow soon thereafter. The new procedure includes incremental embargo options from six months to six years.
4. Yuhang Rong, Assistant Dean of the Neag School of Education, was introduced and he spoke concerning a proposal received from the Department of Educational Leadership for a Ph.D. program modification in *Learning, Leadership, and Education Policy* (designed to integrate the current Ph.D. Fields of Study of *Adult Learning* and *Education Administration*). Following his remarks, he responded to questions.

The doctoral Field of Study would be *Learning, Leadership, and Education Policy* with Areas of Concentration in *Adult Learning* and *Leadership and Policy*.

It was **moved** (J. Barnes-Farrell), seconded (J. Marsden), and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approved the proposal as presented. *[Dr. Rong had left the room at the time the vote was taken.]*

5. Members also discussed with Dr. Rong a proposal from the Department of Educational Psychology for a program modification. The proposal seeks approval of a modification to the renewal of an existing agreement with Switzerland concerning a Master of Arts degree program in *Educational Psychology: Gifted and Talented Education*. The original proposal was received and discussed with Del Siegle and Judith Mathews of the Department of Educational Psychology at the 4/6/11 GFC Executive Committee meeting.

Several concerns were identified and discussed, including the on-line nature of the program, the imbalance of Swiss and U.S. students, the revenue stream, and, particularly the transfer of large numbers of non-degree or non-matriculated credits. It was noted that these broader issues should be studied and appropriate committee or task force of the Graduate Faculty Council.

As a result of the discussion, it was **moved** (M. Aindow) that the current proposal ***not*** be approved because the proposal is not consistent with the Graduate School's policy that no more than six credits of non-degree work be transferred to a master's degree program. The motion was seconded (J. Marsden and W. Abikoff), and it **passed** without dissent on a voice vote. *[Dr. Rong had left the room at the time the motion was made and the vote was taken.]*

6. A request for approval of a doctoral advisory committee comprising three Co-Major Advisors was considered and discussed. The group declined to approve the request. Graduate School policy provides for no more than two Co-Major Advisors.
7. L. Aggison discussed with members the significant differences between the current Graduate School policies and procedures contained in the first several sections of the Graduate Catalog and the newly-revised text proposed by the Policies and Procedures Task Force, which has been working on the project for the past year. Aggison informed members that he will be distributing the full text of the revised sections to members soon for final review. The group will consider approval of the revised sections at the next meeting.

8. It was agreed to invite President Herbst to meet with the Executive Committee and the Graduate Faculty Council.
9. Adjournment was at 4:09 PM.

Present: W. Abikoff, M. Aindow, A. Albert, J. Barnes-Farrell, J. G. Clifford, J. Marsden, L. Aggison
(Interim Dean), C. Lin (Associate Dean), B. Kream (Associate Dean), and T. Peters (Program Director)

Speaker: Yuhang Rong, Assistant Dean of the Neag School of Education

Respectfully submitted,

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