

Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

April 21, 2010

Hugh Clark Meeting Room -- Whetten Graduate Center, Room 200
3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:08 P.M. Interim Vice Provost and Dean Lee Allen 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 March 17, 2010.
3. L. Aggison recognized A. Grubb, who reported on recent meetings and activities of the Graduate Student Senate (GSS). Grubb noted that the GSS recently held a successful prom, which raised \$200 to benefit earthquake victims in Haiti. He said that the GSS budget hearing was to be held that evening. He also reported that the following individuals have spoken recently or soon will speak soon at GSS functions: Scott Kennedy and Francine DeFranco of the Babbidge Library, Bill Simpson of the UConn Co-op, Lee Aggison, and President Hogan. He added that the GSS has been working in concert with the Costs, Operations and Revenue Efficiencies (CORE) Task Force as well as with the Student Technology Advisory Group (STAG). Grubb also informed that the group that the GSS Executive Committee membership will be completely new for 2010-2011 and that this report to the GFC would be his last as his term as GSS President is ending. He thanked Council members for their support over the past year.
4. Interim Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School Lee Aggison engaged GFC members in an open discussion which encompassed a variety of topics. He noted that the GFC is the legislative body of the Graduate School and that shared governance equals shared responsibility. He spoke about the functioning of the GFC and transition of the Graduate School as it separates from the Office of the Vice President for Research.

Members discussed the organizational structure of the GFC as well as the need to review and to update the By-Laws of the Graduate School.

There was considerable discussion of budgetary matters and priorities, including recruitment, diversity, pre-doc funding, targeted scholarships, and graduate student travel.

The need for more permanent, full-time administrative staff in the Graduate School and the need to examine UConn's Research and Graduate Education infrastructure were emphasized.

There also was discussion concerning the Report of the Committee for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Programs (CEGaPP). It was noted that the sunseting of programs needs to be part of the picture.

As a result of discussion, it was **moved** (C. Parks) and seconded (J. Cole) that the Graduate Faculty Council believes that it is appropriate that consultation be initiated by the Executive Committee concerning any action to be taken in regard to the Report of the Committee for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Programs (CEGaPP). The motion **passed** without dissent on a voice vote.

5. ***New Business --***
There was discussion concerning the distinction between academic Departments and academic programs *vis-à-vis* the Graduate School. This distinction affects, among other things, the process and the form used to appoint faculty members to the Graduate Faculty. It was agreed to form an *ad hoc* committee to study this matter and to report back at the next meeting. M. Aindow, G. Berkowitz, and C. VanLear agreed to serve.
6. W. Abikoff gave a brief report on behalf of the Executive Committee.
7. Adjournment was at 4:14 PM.

Present: W. Abikoff, M. Aindow, A. Albert, J. Barnes-Farrell, C. Beck (alt), G. Berkowitz, T. Blank, M. Bock, , Z. Chi, J. Clausen, J. G. Clifford, J. Cole, V. Cormier, A. Donahue, M-L. Fernandez, A. Frogley, A. Grubb, W. Kraemer, L. Lewis, J. Loss, M. Lubatkin, G. McManus (alt), N. Olgac (alt), C. Parks, G. Powell, G. Risatti, E. Schultz, A. Scianna, Y. Sharvit (alt), C. VanLear; and L. Aggison (*Vice Provost and Dean*), L. Klobutcher (*Associate Dean*), and T.B. Peters (*Program Director*)

Respectfully submitted,

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