

Executive Committee
of the
Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

October 3, 2007
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room
3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M. Vice Provost Gregory J. Anderson presided.
2. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the September 12, 2007 meeting.
3. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the list of Plans of Study and Dissertation Proposals.
4. The UConn Academic Plan was discussed.
5. Members discussed and edited the working draft of the Strategic Plan for the Graduate School. Related enhancements of the Graduate School's Web site also were discussed.
6. J. Henkel provided a brief update concerning the development of a Web-based Graduate Degree Program Inventory database.
7. It was noted that the Graduate Student Senate will complete soon its review of the proposed *Graduate School Grievance Procedures* and will provide feedback to the Graduate Faculty Council.
8. Members agreed to invite Jean Main, Director of Financial Aid, to meet with the group to discuss two matters:
 - a. Warning letters sent by the Office of Financial Aid to graduate students who are approaching or who have exceeded the maximum number of credits permitted in their respective degree programs to continue to be eligible for need-based aid, and
 - b. Summer Work Study for graduate students.
9. There was discussion about enhancing efforts and campus-wide events to recruit highly-qualified graduate students, particularly underrepresented minority students.
10. G. Anderson distributed and explained data concerning external research and related funding.
11. There was discussion about continuing efforts to develop a set of metrics for the Graduate School.
12. It was agreed to call a meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council for October 17, 2007.
13. There were several updates and announcements.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 P.M.

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

Not Attending: M. A. Doyle and J. Marsden

Respectfully submitted,
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Program Director