

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes: April 12, 2002

Whetten Graduate Center - Giolas Conference Room
2:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 P.M. Interim Vice Provost Ian C. Hart presided.
2. It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the 3-8-2002 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. Proposals discussed initially at the last meeting to implement Graduate Certificate Programs in Nonprofit Management and in Public Finance and Financial Management were considered in light of additional information that had been provided recently. J. Henkel suggested that it might be appropriate to defer further consideration until after the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Board is to consider then the approval of the academic center that would be directly involved in the proposed certificate programs.

E. Pagoulatos moved to table the matter until the status of the academic center has been resolved, until the entity to offer the needed courses (the new center or the Department of Political Science) is determined, and until all departments offering related work have been consulted. The motion was seconded and passed

5. A proposal to implement a new professional Master of Science degree program in a new Field of Study to be called Microbial Systems Analysis was considered and discussed. L. Strausbaugh noted that this the third of three proposals for new professional master's degree programs to be supported by funding from the Sloan Foundation. The proposed program is interdisciplinary with faculty from Molecular and Cell Biology and from the School of Engineering participating.

It was moved (E. Pagoulatos), seconded, and passed without dissent on a voice vote to approve the proposal (co-P.I.'s Strausbaugh and J. Henkel were not present for the vote).

6. A proposal to implement a Doctor of Philosophy degree program in a new Field of Study to be called Health Promotion Science was considered and discussed. There were questions about the kinds or research problems that might be addressed by students in the proposed program and the career paths that graduates of the program would be prepared to pursue. It was agreed that additional information would be sought. Opportunities for collaboration between Storrs and the Health Center were noted. It also was noted that consultation with departments offering work in related areas is important.

J. Henkel agreed to obtain the requested information and present it at a future meeting.

7. A proposal to offer the existing Master of Science degree program in the Field of Study of Accounting in a new online format was considered and discussed. J. Henkel noted that

the proposal was brought to the group because of the proposed change of venue. There was discussion about opportunities for advisement of students and about the differences between the on-campus and online settings. The importance of instructor/student and student/student interaction was noted. There were questions about what other institutions already are doing in this regard.

J. Henkel agreed to obtain additional information and present it at a future meeting.

8. There was discussion about the responsibilities of an Auditor in a course. What specifically should be required of an Auditor to be eligible for the designation Audit on the transcript? It was suggested that catalogs of peer institutions be consulted in this regard. T. Peters agreed to do so and will present the information at a future meeting. It also was suggested that this matter be presented to the Graduate Faculty Council for discussion.
9. It was agreed that a meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council for April 24, 2002 not be called.
10. Adjournment was at 4:45 PM.

Present:

- Clifford, J.G.
- Cournoyer, D.
- Hart, I. (Interim Vice Provost)
- Henkel, J. (Associate Vice Provost)
- Herzberger, D.
- Marsden, J.
- Maxwell, G. (Associate Dean)
- Pagoulatos, E.
- Peters, T. (Assistant Dean)
- Smith, E.
- Strausbaugh, L.

Regrets:

- Anderson, G. (on leave Spring 2002)
- Maresh, C.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Peters
Secretary