

Executive Committee
of the
Graduate Faculty Council (GEC)

MINUTES
September 10, 2004
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room
3:00PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 P.M.
2. It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent to approve as distributed the minutes of the 7/20/2004 meeting.
3. It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent to approve the Doctoral Plans of Study and Dissertation Proposals.
4. The GEC approved policies on graduate student audits and on internships for graduate students at their last meeting. The policies were sent to the Senate Executive Committee and to Deans, Department Heads, Center Directors, faculty and graduate students
5. New brochure on Dissertator Travel was reviewed. The GEC wants a disclaimer added that the travel funds pertain only to Storrs Plus Campus.
6. GEC reviewed the draft Memorandum of Understanding between University of Connecticut and Egyptian Cultural & Education Bureau. The draft was based on their suggestions as revised by them at the GEC meeting on July 20, 2004 and a consultation with Ross Lewin, Executive Director, Office of Study Abroad, D. Herzberger, and L. Strausbaugh. Motions were moved, seconded, and passed to approve the MOU a non-committal agreement (as a model for all International Graduate Exchange programs). The GEC after much discussion and modification, moved, seconded and passed a motion to approve a prototype of the Study Aboard Exchange Agreement between the University of Connecticut and the Egyptian Cultural and Educational Bureau to be presented in draft form for negotiations with the International Office. J. Henkel and J. Greger were given the right to make minor modifications as necessary to allow processing of this program.

UPDATE: The two documents were sent to the Provost F. Maryanski, Vice Provost R. Taylor, Boris Bravo-Ureta, and Reda Ammar.

It was also suggested that some sort of record keeping system be established in the Graduate School and Office of Sponsored Programs to monitor all non-degree seeking, international and domestic graduate students.

UPDATE: This will require more discussion at GEC and a survey of programs.

7. University Senate approved a change in policy for undergraduates in which the "I's" are removed from transcripts when students finally complete the incomplete. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the graduate policy for incompletes will be the same as the undergraduate decision.

UPDATE: This information was sent to University Senate Executive, the Bursar, and Provost. The change will be noted in the next Graduate Catalog.

8. The GEC briefly discussed the proposed name change and reorganization for Geological Sciences graduate program. The GEC continues to doubt that a graduate program belongs in a center.
UPDATE: J. Greger sent comment to Dean MacKinnon. Item will be on the agenda of the next GEC meeting.
9. The Council of Graduate Schools has asked Graduate Deans to review the draft questionnaires to be used in the NRC Survey of Doctoral Programs. Handouts on the NRC questionnaires were delivered to all GEC members. The GEC members will return them to J. Greger by Thursday, September 16, 2004 with their viewpoints and concerns. J. Greger and J. Henkel will then organize them and submit them federally by September 20, 2004. Danielle Farrands will make reminder calls on Wednesday, September 15, 2004.
10. The Executive Graduate Committee meetings will be held on Monday, if possible, this year as several find Friday afternoons "challenging".
11. Adjournment was at 5:10 PM.

Meeting was unattended by G. Anderson, D. Cournoyer, and J. Marsden

Present: J.G. Clifford, D. Herzberger, D. Lillo-Martin, G. Maxwell, E. Pagoulatos, E. Smith, L. Strausbaug, J. Henkel, J.L. Greger

Respectfully submitted,

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