

Executive Committee
of the
Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

October 7, 2009
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room
4:00 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 P.M. Vice President Suman Singha presided.
2. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the meeting of September 2, 2009.
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. There was brief discussion about the current revision of the University By-Laws.
5. It was agreed to call a meeting of the Graduate Faculty for October 21, 2009. Jean Main, Director of the Office of Student Financial Aid Services, is scheduled to speak concerning graduate student financial aid. There was general discussion about future GFC agendas. It was noted that the report produced by the task force that evaluated the Graduate School over the past several months has been forwarded to the Provost.
6. Michael Bennett, University Librarian – Library Central Services, spoke with members to propose that master's theses be deposited in the University's Digital Commons.
7. The three pending *Graduate Certificate Program* proposals from the Neag School of Education were considered together. The proposals are: *Positive Behavior Support*, *Postsecondary Disability Services*, and *Program Evaluation*. These proposals for new Graduate Certificate Programs were received by the group at recent meetings.

Discussion ensued. It was agreed that the general topic of Graduate Certificate Programs should be added to the agenda for the October 21, 2009 meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council as a discussion item.

Following discussion, it was **moved** (J.G. Clifford), seconded (M.A. Doyle), and **passed** on a voice vote to approve the three proposals.
8. A proposal received at the September meeting to change the name of Field of Study *Professional Higher Education Administration* to *Higher Education and Student Affairs* was considered.

It was **moved** (W. Abikoff), seconded (J. Marsden), and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the name change as requested.
9. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** to call a meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council for October 21, 2009. Agenda items are to include the presentation by Jean Main noted above and a discussion of Graduate Certificate Programs.
10. Adjournment was at 5:15 PM.

Present: W. Abikoff, A. Albert, J. G. Clifford, M. A. Doyle, J. Marsden, S. Singha (*Vice President*), L. Aggison, Jr. (*Associate Dean*), L. Klobutcher (*Associate Dean – Health Center*), and T. Peters (*Program Director*)

Speaker: Michael Bennett, University Librarian – Library Central Services

Respectfully submitted,

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