

Executive Committee  
of the  
Graduate Faculty Council

**MINUTES**

February 3, 2010  
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 December 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. S. Singha informed members of the newly-implemented procedure concerning Competitive Federal Graduate Awards. A copy of the document is attached to the file copy of these minutes. The new procedure assures that the University will cover tuition and health insurance for graduate students who receive awards from certain federal programs. Any institutional allowance will belong to UConn.
5. A proposal from the School of Business was introduced to implement a Master of Science degree program in a new Field of Study to be called *Business Analytics and Project Management*. Ram Gopal, Department Head of Operations and Information Management, was present to explain the key elements of the proposal to respond to questions. The proposal will be considered at the next meeting.
6. A proposal received at the December 2, 2009 meeting to implement a dual Pharm.D./M.P.H. degree program was considered. Andrea Hubbard, Associate Dean of the School of Pharmacy, was present to participate in the discussion. It was noted that the proposal provides for an allowance of 12 credits from each degree program.  
Following discussion and Hubbard's departure, it was **moved** (W. Abikoff), seconded (S. De Guise), and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the proposal.
7. There was discussion with Nicholas Warren, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, and with Ann Ferris, Professor of Medicine (participating by telephone), concerning the DHE accreditation submission process and pertinent supporting materials for the Ph.D. in *Public Health* Area of Concentration in *Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences*.
8. A proposal from the School of Business to change the name of the full-time M.B.A. Area of Concentration of *Marketing Intelligence* to *Marketing* was received. The proposal will be considered at the next meeting.
9. L. Aggison discussed processes and data-element-collection needs pertaining to the appointment and reappointment of members of the Graduate Faculty.
10. It was decided to call a meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council for February 17, 2010.
11. **New Business** –
  - There was discussion about the Executive Committee report which concludes every Graduate Faculty Council agenda. It was decided that a member of the Executive Committee should be selected to give that report. W. Abikoff agreed to give the report at Council meetings.
  - S. Singha noted the importance of developing a policy concerning study-abroad travel. Arrangements need to be made to provide the opportunity for graduate students and graduate program faculty to obtain reasonably-priced insurance for such travel.
12. Adjournment was at 5:33 PM.

*Present:* W. Abikoff, M. Aindow, A. Albert, J. Barnes-Farrell, J. G. Clifford, S. De Guise, M. A. Doyle, J. Marsden, S. Singha (*Vice President*), L. Aggison (*Associate Dean*), L. Klobutcher (*Associate Dean*), and T. Peters (*Program Director*)

*Speakers:* Ram Gopal, School of Business, and Andrea Hubbard, School of Pharmacy

Respectfully submitted,  
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