

Executive Committee  
of the  
Graduate Faculty Council

**MINUTES**

April 1, 2009  
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room  
4:00 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:07 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 March 4, 2009.
3. S. Singha provided several updates:
  - Governor Rell has imposed an additional rescission of 2% (which amounts to approximately \$6 million in terms of UConn's state funding)
  - The faculty group reviewing doctoral-degree programs has met.
  - The Graduate School Review Committee members have been selected and have received their charge from the Provost. The group met for the first time 4/1/09.
4. The group considered the proposal to implement a Graduate Certificate Program in **Adult Learning**, which was introduced at the 3/4/09 meeting. J. Henkel and M. A. Doyle spoke about the proposal. Following brief discussion, it was **moved** (W. Abikoff), seconded (M. A. Doyle), and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the proposal as presented.
5. A recommendation was considered to change the name of the existing Field of Study of **Ecology** to **Ecology and Evolutionary Biology** and to discontinue the existing Fields of Study of **Botany**, **Entomology**, and **Zoology**. The Fields of Study of **Botany**, **Entomology**, and **Zoology** are to be subsumed under the new Field of **Ecology and Evolutionary Biology**. It was moved (J.G. Clifford), seconded (S. De Guise), and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the recommendation as presented.
6. It was agreed to invite the Provost to meet with the Graduate Faculty Council at its April meeting. Among other topics, members wish to discuss the matters of research GA tuition charged to grants and fractional assistantships.
7. Adjournment was at 5:15 PM.

*Present:* W. Abikoff, A. Albert, J. G. Clifford, S. De Guise, M. A. Doyle, S. Hewett, S. Singha (*Vice President*), J. Henkel (*Associate Vice Provost*), L. Klobutcher (*Associate Dean*), and T. Peters (*Program Director*)

Respectfully submitted,

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