

# Executive Committee Meeting Minutes: June 28, 2002

Whetten Graduate Center - Giolas Conference Room  
9:00 A.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 A.M. Associate Vice Provost James G. Henkel presided.
2. It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the 5-10-2002 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 with one typographical correction.

There also was discussion about the current standards for the appearance and format of dissertations.

4. The Committee welcomed Dr. Janet L. Greger, newly-appointed Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Education, and Dean of the Graduate School.
5. A revised draft of the proposal submitted by the School of Allied Health to implement a new Doctor of Philosophy degree program in a new Field of Study to be called Health Promotion Science was considered and discussed extensively. A major theme of the discussion was that this area of research transcends Allied Health. It encompasses other disciplines based on the Storrs campus as well as the Health Center and the School of Social Work. In order for the new degree program to be nationally competitive, it was agreed that a much more broadly-based program should be considered. Greater collaboration among the several programs and units which undertake research in the health promotion area would be essential to maximize the potential success of applications for external funding. Many members expressed strong support for the concept of the proposal but recommended that University-wide discussions be undertaken to plan for a more broadly-based program.

It was moved, seconded, and passed by a unanimous voice vote to deny approval of the revised proposal in its present form. It also was agreed that a University-wide effort should be mounted without delay to pursue further the proposal of a new Ph.D. program in this important interdisciplinary area.

6. A proposal to implement a Master of Arts degree program in a new Field of Study to be called Art History was considered and discussed.

It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent on a voice to approve the proposal as presented.

7. 7. A proposal concerning a Master of Arts degree program in Education in the Department of Educational Leadership was considered. Concerning the area of emphasis for the master's degree program associated with the Field of Study of Professional Higher Education Administration, the recommendation requests that the designation of the emphasis be changed to Higher Education: Student Affairs.

Following discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent on a voice to approve the proposal as presented.

8. A request from the Health Center to approve the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) grading option for the course MEDS 310 - Responsible Conduct in Research was considered and discussed.

It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent on a voice to approve the request

9. There was discussion about the honorary degree nomination process for future years. It was agreed that this matter needs to be discussed by the Graduate Faculty Council when it meets again this Fall.
10. There was discussion about University-wide program review and about program quality in general. It was agreed that this topic for discussion will be added to the group's September 2002 agenda.

11. Adjournment was at 10:50 P.M.

**Present:**

- Clifford, J.G.
- Cournoyer, D.
- Greger, J. (Vice Provost)
- Henkel, J. (Associate Vice Provost)
- Herzberger, D.
- Marsden, J.
- Maxwell, G. (Associate Dean)
- Pagoulatos, E.
- Peters, T. (Assistant Dean)

**Regrets:**

- Anderson, G. (on leave Spring 2002)
- Maresh, C.
- Smith, E.
- Strausbaugh, L.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Peters  
Secretary