

Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

April 22, 2009

Hugh Clark Meeting Room -- Whetten Graduate Center, Room 200

3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:04 P.M. Vice President for Research Suman Singha presided.
2. S. Singha introduced Provost Peter Nicholls, who addressed the Council. Topics included:
 - The University budget through FY 2011
 - Tuition increase of 6.0% for 2009-2010
 - The incoming class of undergraduate students (300-400 fewer students than previous years)
 - Fractional graduate assistantships and the allocation to departments of assistantship benefits packages with the option of to purchase additional packages
 - Tuition to be charged to externally-funded grants at the rate of 60% of in-state tuition when permitted by funding agencies
 - The ongoing work of a committee formed recently to review the relative productivity of graduate programs
 - The formation and work of a committee to study the functioning and future of the Graduate School.

The Provost responded to several questions from the floor.

3. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the meeting of February 18, 2009.
4. Andrew Grubb, newly-elected President of the Graduate Student Senate, spoke about the group's recent activities.
5. The following resolution was presented for consideration:

AUTHORIZATION TO CONFER GRADUATE DEGREES --

It is recommended that the degrees of Master of Arts, Master of Business Administration, Master of Dental Science, Master of Engineering, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Music, Master of Professional Studies, Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Health, Master of Science, Master of Social Work, Doctor of Audiology, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Musical Arts, Doctor of Physical Therapy, and Doctor of Philosophy and be conferred upon those candidates who have satisfied all requirements and have been duly certified by the Graduate School for award of said degrees throughout the conferral periods ending in May, August, and December 2009.

Adoption of the resolution was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote.

6. S. Singha provided updates concerning the Committee for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Programs, the pending release of the results of the NRC assessments of doctoral programs, the budget for FY 2010 and 2011, and the federal Stimulus Bill.
7. Adjournment was at 4:25 P.M.

Present: W. Abikoff, C. Auer, J. Barnes-Farrell, M. Bernstein, T. Blum (alt), J. Clausen, J. G. Clifford, J. Cole, D. Cooper, A. Donahue, P. Faghri, R. Grenier, A. Grubb, S. Hewett, T. Hunter, D. Kalonia (alt), D. Lillo-Martin (alt), J. Linnekin, M. Lynes, C. Maresh (alt), J. Marsden, C. Parks, T.J. Peters, E.C. Polifroni (alt), G. Powell, C. Schaefer, E. Schultz, T. Seery, F. Shah (alt), N. Sheehan (alt), T. Torgersen, J. Troyer, C. A. VanLear, K. Venkitanarayanan, and J. Watson (alt); and S. Singha (*Vice President*), J. Henkel (*Associate Vice Provost*), L. Klobutcher (*Associate Dean*), and T. B. Peters (*Program Director*)

Respectfully submitted,

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