

Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

October 19, 2005
Whetten Graduate Center, Room 200
3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:04 P.M. Interim Vice Provost Gregory J. Anderson presided.
2. G. Anderson introduced Provost Peter Nicholls, who addressed the Council and responded to questions from the floor. Topics included:
 - The work of the Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Education Search Committee
 - The Academic Plan
 - The recent Deans' Retreat
 - Institutional structure and policy concerns
 - Decentralized practices
 - The PTR process
 - The new-faculty initiative as a legislative priority
 - The ongoing building program
 - Striking the appropriate institutional balance between undergraduate and graduate education
 - The need to develop more areas of interdepartmental and interdisciplinary study and research
 - The University's many research centers
3. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2005.
4. J. Henkel updated the group concerning ongoing preparations for upcoming National Research Council Assessment of Doctoral Programs. Topics included:
 - Tasks, timeline, and the importance of the undertaking
 - This assessment will not include any reputational measure
 - The institutional, program, and the faculty questionnaires
 - Faculty c.v.'s – update and put them on-line
 - The period to be covered by this assessment is Fall 2001 to Summer 2006
 - Faculty groups are to be defined in terms of their advisement and teaching involvements – the focus is from the doctoral student's point of view (not department or program)
 - How will emeriti, recently-resigned faculty, and adjuncts be handled in terms of this process?
5. Adjournment was at 4:39 PM.

Present: W. Abikoff, J. Barnes-Farrell, A. Basu, M. Bernstein, T. Blank, J.G. Clifford, M. Cosgel, D. Cournoyer (alt.), E. Cromley, S. De Guise, G. Dunne, A. Engler, W. Glenn (alt.), R. Langner, S. McBrearty, T. Miller, E. Pagoulatos, S. Roe, D. Stern, L. Strausbaugh, P. Streifer, C. VanLear, Y. Wang, G. Warner, G. Anderson (Interim Vice Provost), J. Henkel (Associate Vice Provost), T. Peters (Program Director), and C. Adams and A. Wilhelm (VPRGE decision support staff)

Speaker: Provost Peter Nicholls

Regrets: J. Madaus, C. Maresh, E. Smith, M. Young

Respectfully submitted,

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