

Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

March 17, 2010

Hugh Clark Meeting Room -- Whetten Graduate Center, Room 200
3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:08 P.M. Interim Vice Provost and Dean Lee Allen Aggison, Jr. presided.
2. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the meeting of February 17, 2010.
3. L. Aggison recognized A. Grubb, who reported on recent meetings and activities of the Graduate Student Senate (GSS). Grubb noted that the GSS will be holding elections soon to choose its officers for next year and that he will not be the group's President beyond May. He also noted that Scott Kennedy, Area Head in the Babbidge Library, Bill Simpson, President of the UConn Co-op, and Michael Hogan, President of the University, will be addressing the GSS at future meetings.
4. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** on a unanimous voice vote to adopt the following resolution:

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 Nursing Practice, 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 2010.
5. L. Aggison presented the report of the Graduate Certificate Programs Committee. There was discussion. Necessary minor modifications were noted.
6. L. Aggison presented a report concerning the work to date of the Policies and Procedures Committee, particularly with respect to the update of the *Admission and Application to the Graduate School* section of the *Graduate Catalog*. Aggison made a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the major proposed changes in the section in terms of policy, practice, and procedure. Members suggested several changes and recommended reconsideration of a key point in the *Provisional Status* section. These include:
 - Adding "gender expression" in the first paragraph on page two,
 - Noting that falsification of records as presented in the second full paragraph on page three must be deliberate and does not include mistakes,
 - Adding the word "If" at the beginning of the second sentence of the last paragraph on page four, and
 - Considering the requirement that students complete only 5000 and 6000 level courses to be changed from Provision to Regular Status under *Provisional Status* on page 17.
7. L. Aggison recognized Curtis T. Walker, Jr., doctoral student in Psychology, who addressed the Council concerning the upcoming L. E. A. D. (Leaders Educating and Advocating Development) Forum to be held at UConn on April 13, 2010. This event is being planned by the Graduate Students of Color Association (GSCA).
8. G. Clifford reported for the Executive Committee. There was discussion concerning Graduate Faculty appointment and Reappointment procedures and practices.
9. Adjournment was at 4:11 P.M.

Present: W. Abikoff, M. Aindow, G. Berkowitz, T. Blank, R. Bogner, Z. Chi, J. Clausen, J. G. Clifford, C. Coelho (alt), J. Cole, V. Cormier, R. Cusson, G. Dunne, A. Finger (alt), N. Garrick, A. Grubb, W. Kraemer, J. Marsden, C. Parks, B. Purkayastha, G. Risatti, M. Robbins (alt), J. Settlage, F. Shah, B. Simonsen (alt), J. Tang, S. Winter, K. Yerubandi; and L. Aggison (*Vice Provost and Dean*), L. Klobutcher (*Associate Dean*), and T.B. Peters (*Program Director*)

Speaker: Cutis T. Walker, Jr., *doctoral student in Psychology*

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Peters
Program Director