

# Graduate Faculty Council Meeting Minutes: February 28, 2001

United Nations Room, Student Union  
3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M. Interim Vice Provost Ian C. Hart presided.
2. It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the meeting of 1-31-2001.
3. J. Henkel read 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 Public Affairs, Master of Public Health, Master of Science, Master of Science in Physical Therapy, Master of Social Work, Doctor of Musical Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy be conferred on 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 May 20, 2001; August 31, 2001; and December 31, 2001.

It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent on a voice vote to adopt the resolution.

4. I. Hart updated members about concerns pertaining to the University's ability to provide suitable on-campus accommodations for longer-term visiting scholars. The Lakeside Apartments facility is being considered for possible conversion to office space. He also noted that efforts are underway to pursue the possible inclusion of a lounge for graduate students in the plans to renovate the Student Union.
5. I. Hart introduced Vicky L. Triponey, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and Carole S. Henry, Executive Director of Housing and Food Services, who made a presentation to the Council about graduate student housing on campus and about plans in this regard for the future. They distributed copies of an extensive handout, which is attached to file copy of these minutes. There was extensive discussion about the Hilltop Apartment complex currently under construction. A model of a unit as well as fabric and carpet samples were displayed. There also was considerable discussion about serving future needs of graduate students in terms of expanded on-campus housing options. The point was made, for example, that many graduate students are in search of unfurnished housing at reasonable rates. The Department of Residential Life is creating a set of brochures and pursuing

other forms of publicity to get the word out to students concerning these new developments and opportunities in the area on-campus housing.

6. Copies of a progress report on the functioning of the approval process for Dissertation Proposals (implemented in 1996) were distributed.
7. Adjournment was at 4:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Peters  
Secretary

**Present:**

- Abikoff, W.
- Anderson, G.
- Andrie, R.
- Blank, T.
- Cajka, K.
- Calabrese, A.
- Chinn, P.
- Clifford, J.G.
- Crow, L.
- Currier, D. (alt)
- Haller, K.
- Hasson, S.
- Higonnet, M.
- Johnson, P. (alt)
- Kaminsky, P. (alt)
- Karan, O.
- Katz, L.
- Knox, J.
- Makriyannis, A.
- Maresh, C.
- Marsden, J.
- McAvoy, R.
- Schultz, E.
- Segal, J.
- Silbart, L.
- Steinen, R.
- Strausbaugh, L.
- Warner, G.
- Zhang, B.

**Graduate School:**

- Hart, I.
- Henkel, J.
- Peters, T.

**Speaker:** Vicky L. Triponey, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Carole S. Henry, Executive Director of Housing and Food Services

**Regrets:**

- Coelho, C.
- Cournoyer, D.
- Maxwell, G.
- Myers, K.
- Mukhopadhyay, N.
- Powell, G.
- Ratneshwar, S.
- Streifer, P.
- Vitale, R.