

Graduate Faculty Council Meeting Minutes: October 31, 2001

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:08 P.M. Interim Vice Provost Ian C. Hart presided.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of 4-25-2001. A correction was noted at the end of the penultimate paragraph of item 4 - the final word should be vote rather than voted. The motion to approve the minutes as corrected passed without dissent on a voice vote.
3. I. Hart spoke about several matters, including:
 - o the new Visiting Scholars Program
 - o progress in the search for the new Executive Director of the Office for Sponsored Programs
 - o his plan to implement a grant management computer program
 - o compliance issues in research and the appointment of the Associate Director for Research Compliance (a new position)
 - o incubator space for start-up companies and policies and procedures for managing these spaces

the proposal being considered by the Senate to modify the University calendar.
4. I. Hart introduced Chancellor John D. Petersen who discussed the following:
 - o the proposal to modify the University calendar
 - o possible implementation of faculty workload flexibilities (e.g., teaching regular-load courses in the summer)
 - o the recent appointment by the Chancellor and the Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Education of three task forces to study research activities and processes -- the Chancellor's Research Policy Committee, the Chancellor's Committee on Specialized Service Centers, and the Cost Accounting Committee
 - o the recent "administrative bundling" of academic programs in Allied Health, Family Studies, Nursing, and Pharmacy
 - o sizing the institution (especially in terms of undergraduate enrollment)
 - o the need to sunset some programs in order to be able to undertake new programs
 - o development of creative ways to deliver courses

- new ways to deploy graduate teaching assistants to serve undergraduate teaching needs (e.g., having graduate students in social science fields teach English composition)
- strategic planning and allocation of resources
- the need to develop more interdisciplinary entrepreneurial graduate programs
- the need to enhance overall communication within the institution
- campus construction and building issues.

The Chancellor agreed to meet again soon with the Council.

5. Adjournment was at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Peters
Secretary

Present:

- Anderson, G.
- Calabrese, A.
- Chinn, P.
- Clifford, J.G.
- Cournoyer, D.
- Crow, L.
- Fernandez, M.L.
- French, R.(alt.)
- Frogley, A.
- Haller, K.
- Hamilton, M.
- Hasson, S.
- Herzberger, D.
- Karan, O.
- Katz, L.
- Knox, J.
- Maresh, C.
- Marsden, J.
- McAvoy, R.
- McCartney, R.(alt)
- Minkler, A.
- Mukhopadhyay, N.
- Nair, S.
- Pagoulatos, E.
- Schultz, E.
- Segal, J.
- Silbart, L.

- Steinen, R.
- Strausbaugh, L.
- Streifer, P.
- Troyer, J.
- Warner, G.
- Zhang, B.

Graduate School:

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

Speaker: John D. Petersen, Chacellor and Provost for University Affairs

Regrets:

- Abikoff, W.
- Higonnet, M.
- Makriyannis, A.
- Ratneshwar, S.