

Executive Committee
of the
Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

October 13, 2010
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room
3:00 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:04 P.M. Interim Dean Lee Aggison presided.
2. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the meeting of September 1, 2010.
3. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the list of Plans of Study and Dissertation Proposals.
4. A proposal received from the Department of Allied Health Sciences to change the name of the existing Master of Science Field of Study *Allied Health* to *Health Promotion* was considered. Following brief discussion, it was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the proposal as presented.
5. There was discussion concerning international exchange programs and associated transfer credit arrangements in light of the Provost's globalization initiative. Immigration concerns were noted – these students would be on J-1 visas. It was noted that the Executive Committee should develop a policy to govern the MOUs (memoranda of understanding) that often are involved. It was agreed that any student that comes to UConn to pursue graduate study should have a Major Advisor. C. Lin agreed to draft guidelines and present them at a future meeting. It was suggested that this matter should be referred to the appropriate standing committee of the Graduate Faculty Council. It also was suggested that the group solicit submission of copies of existing MOUs from faculty and administrators.
6. There was considerable discussion concerning the formation of and preparation of charges for the newly-reestablished standing committees of the Graduate Faculty Council. Three-year terms for members of these committees were recommended. It was agreed to continue discussion with the full GFC.
7. It was agreed that L. Aggison and T. Peters will work on the logistics for implementing the process recently approved by the Graduate Faculty Council to review appointments to the Graduate Faculty.
8. There was discussion concerning the release of the NRC report. L. Aggison explained the media plan that has been developed in this regard.
9. It was determined that a meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council will be called for Wednesday, October 20, 2010.
10. L. Aggison updated members concerning the following:
 - The need for By-Law review in light of the recent separation of Research and Graduate Education
 - Background checks for matriculation in certain degree programs
 - Postdoctoral Fellows – activities and developments
 - The tightening up of policies and procedures as a result of the year-long effort to revise and update the *Graduate Catalog*
 - The need for Major Advisors to post regularly in PeopleSoft the grades for the GRAD thesis and dissertation research courses
11. Adjournment was at 4:47 PM.

Present: W. Abikoff, M. Aindow, J. Barnes-Farrell, J. G. Clifford, S. De Guise, S. Nunnally, L. Aggison (*Interim Dean*), C. Lin (*Associate Dean*), L. Klobutcher (*Associate Dean*), and T. Peters (*Program Director*)

Respectfully submitted,
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