

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE
GRADUATE FACULTY COUNCIL

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MINUTES

November 3, 1992
Whetten Graduate Center #202, 3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:09 P.M. Dean T. Giolas presided.
2. The minutes of the October 21, 1992 meeting (actually a continuation of the October 6 meeting) were considered. It was noted that "wil" in the second line of item #3 should be corrected to read "will."

IT WAS MOVED (G. Anderson) and seconded (A. Hiskes) to accept the minutes as corrected. THE MOTION PASSED (J. Koberstein and C. Norgaard abstained).
3. IT WAS MOVED (G. Anderson), seconded (C. Norgaard), and PASSED without dissent on a voice vote to approve the Plans of Study and Prospectuses on the attached list.
4. The draft "Policy on Teaching Assistant Language Proficiency" was introduced for consideration and discussion by J. Henkel. The draft statement was written by a subcommittee comprising Henkel, G. Anderson, and A. Hiskes. The subcommittee's draft is based substantially on input provided by representatives of the Division of International Affairs. Much of the 10/6/92 meeting was devoted to this topic. Henkel explained each of the sections of the draft statement.

There was discussion. T. Giolas indicated that the Deans' Council had discussed the entire matter and had urged that the wording of particularly the latter part of section "B" (p. 3) under PROPOSAL be stated in strong language.

A. Hiskes suggested (under PROPOSAL, p.3) that section "C" be combined with section "D."

G. Epling recommended that the individual making a presentation, as described in section D.2.b of the PROPOSAL (p.3), should be asked several questions after the presentation to provide the opportunity for the individual to speak extemporaneously.

L. Strausbaugh stressed the importance of proper pronunciation of technical terms in many fields which may be new to students in a teaching assistant's class or laboratory section.

Support was expressed for including a graduate student on the panel. This would enlarge the panel to six members (see D.2.a, p.3):

6. There was discussion of the proposed agenda for the Graduate Faculty Council meeting planned for November 18, 1992. Wilbur Jones, Vice President for Finance and Administration, is to be invited to respond to concerns and questions related to the ongoing implementation of the flexibility legislation. This would be in follow-up to Jones's presentation to the Council in November 1991.

A draft of a list of issues was distributed by J. Koberstein and L. Strausbaugh, Co-Chairs of the Research Support Committee. These issues would serve as the focal points of discussion for the meeting. There was discussion about the draft. Suggestions for minor changes in wording were accepted.

There also was discussion of the possibility of placing on the agenda as well the revised "Proposed Procedure for Review of Graduate Programs." The draft proposal was discussed in detail at the October 21, 1992 Council meeting. Changes and revisions in the proposed procedure agreed to at that meeting have been completed and the draft document is ready for further consideration and action.

G. Anderson said that T. Giolas should report at Council meetings on important developments and issues, and that the Dean's Report should become a permanent agenda item for all Council meetings.

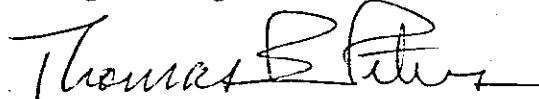
7. NEW BUSINESS --

C. Norgaard asked if J. Koberstein could provide an update on the work of the University-wide Program Review Committee. Koberstein, a member of that Committee, indicated that the group has been charged to make recommendations to the administration which, if implemented, would result in \$12 million in permanent annual savings.

8. Adjournment was at 4:44 P.M.

Present: G. Anderson, G. Epling, S. Greenspan, A. Hiskes, J. Koberstein, C. Norgaard, P. Rosenberg, L. Strausbaugh, T. Giolas (Dean), J. Henkel (Associate Dean), E. Sellers (Assistant Dean), and T. Peters (Secretary)

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas B. Peters
Secretary