

GRADUATE FACULTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

May 4, 1989

United Nations Room, 3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order. Dean T. Giolas presided.
2. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve as distributed the minutes of the March 30, 1989 meeting. T. Roberts expressed his preference for detailed meeting minutes, as were the minutes of the March 30 meeting.
3. J. Henkel distributed copies of statements of interest submitted by Councillors wishing to be considered for service on the Executive Committee.
4. A total of 18 candidates emerged for the five elected slots on the Executive Committee. (There had been a 19th, M. Lerman, who requested that his name be removed from the ballot since he will be on the Council for one year only.) Discussion concerning methods of voting ensued. The "hair system" was proposed, but concern was expressed about its limitations. P. Rosenberg suggested that Councillors assign point values to the names on the ballot, and the five receiving the highest total scores would win. T. Roberts suggested that there be a minimum vote cut-off. It was agreed by consensus that the Rosenberg method would be used for voting.
5. J. Henkel distributed ballots. T. Giolas reviewed the voting procedure and indicated that the first meeting of the Executive Committee would be held within the month. A Chairperson is to be elected at the first meeting.
6. Subcommittees were discussed. T. Giolas urged that the subcommittees become established and that they identify important issues. Councillors were invited to join a subcommittee of their choice.
7. P. Rosenberg asked how the remaining four members of the Executive Committee are to be chosen. T. Giolas replied that the Dean appoints them.
8. F. Bohlen inquired about the mission of the Curricula and Courses Committee. T. Giolas spoke briefly about the standing committees, and indicated that there also could be ad hoc committees.

9. A. McEvily asked if absent Councillors would be given the opportunity to vote for the Executive Committee members being elected. T. Giolas noted that that the By-Laws state that ". . . those present . . ." elect the members of the Executive Committee.
10. M. Lerman asked if there would be a committee concerned with Field of Study requirements and standards. W. Parker asked if a committee would address minimum and maximum credit requirements for degrees. T. Giolas indicated that these questions have yet to be answered.
11. Voting results for the Executive Committee election were announced:

ELECTED

J. Koberstein
T. Roberts
P. Rosenberg
W. Smith
C. Norgaard

(It was necessary to hold a run-off election between A. Abramson and C. Norgaard for the fifth elected seat. The run-off was won by Norgaard.)

12. P. Rosenberg spoke of the charge to the Faculty Standards Committee, particularly with respect to concerns about ethics in research.
13. T. Giolas indicated that monthly meetings of the Executive Committee would be held, but that the Council itself normally would not meet that often. The Council will meet when issues are generated by the Executive Committee or when they arise from other sources. He indicated that he is open to suggestions concerning the frequency of meetings.
14. K. Creasy expressed his concerns about financial aid and support for graduate students. He recommended that there be a subcommittee for Graduate Support.
15. T. Giolas announced committee assignments.
16. L. Allen noted that there is a search underway for a Dean of International Affairs. She also addressed the matter of recruitment of international students.
17. The meeting was adjourned.

18. The Secretary wishes to thank Gene Sellers who recorded these minutes in his absence.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas B. Peters
Secretary

THOSE PRESENT:

Councillors

L. Allen	H. Hansen	T. Roberts
G. Anderson	A. Hiskes	P. Rosenberg
W. Berentsen	N. Katter	R. A. Shaw
F. Bohlen	T. Kehle	T. Sheehan
R. Crain	D. Kenny	J. Smith
K. Creasy	J. Koberstein	W. Smith
R. Duffy	M. Lerman	F. Trainor
G. Frantz	B. Lovell	J. Wilkie
N. Gray	A. McEvily	P. Willett
S. Greenspan	W. Parker	C. Zirakzadeh

Graduate School

T. Giolas
J. Henkel
E. Sellers