

Executive Committee  
of the  
Graduate Faculty Council

**MINUTES**

February 1, 2006  
Whetten Graduate Center -- Giolas Conference Room  
3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M. Interim Vice Provost Gregory J. Anderson presided.
2. Recent developments in terms of institutional restructuring were discussed. It was noted that GFC representation of the affected fields of study may be impacted and will need to be addressed, particularly in terms of Allied Health and Physical Therapy.
3. There was further discussion about the draft Ethics and Code of Conduct statements currently under consideration (see the minutes of the 1/4/06 meeting). It was agreed that Mike Walker and Rachel Rubin will be invited to address the GFC on 2/15/06 on this topic.
4. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the 11/2/05 and the 1/4/06 meetings.
5. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the list of Plans of Study and Dissertation Proposals.
6. J. Henkel updated the group on recent developments concerning ongoing preparations for the NRC assessment of doctoral programs. He noted that faculty service as members of doctoral students' advisory committees will be a key factor in assigning faculty members to the various NRC discipline groups. It was noted that Vice Provost Janet Greger should be invited to a future meeting to speak on this topic.
7. There was discussion concerning the draft of the revised policy circulated with the agenda concerning the Named Graduate School Fellowships program. It was noted that the quality of a Named Fellowship holder must be equivalent to the Outstanding Scholars Program criteria. L. Strausbaugh suggested that the pools be expanded to encompass other fields of study and departments while retaining the tradition of the names. D. Lillo-Martin expressed concern that changes may have a limiting impact on recruiting. It was noted that that the program criteria should reflect the importance of insuring that recipients have the potential to do excellent scholarship. E. Smith suggested that a named fellowship be cycled among fields or departments over a period of three or so years.
8. A recommendation from the Department of Educational Psychology to change the name of Area of Concentration *Counseling Psychology* to *School Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology* was considered and discussed.  
  
It was **moved** (J.G. Clifford), seconded, and **passed** with dissent on a voice vote to approve the name change as recommended.
9. J. Henkel introduced for consideration the descriptions for two newly-proposed Graduate School courses, which were circulated with the meeting agenda: **GRAD 380 – Full-Time Curricular Practical Training** (3 credits) and **GRAD 381 – Part-Time Curricular Practical Training** (1-3 credits). It was noted that these courses are needed to document approved curricular practical training activities undertaken by international students.

It was **moved** (E. Smith), seconded (J.G. Clifford), and **passed** with dissent on a voice vote to approve the two new courses as presented.

10. It was noted Vice Provost Krista Rodin should be invited to a future GFC meeting to speak about outreach
11. It was agreed at 5:28 P.M. to adjourn the meeting and to take up the remaining agenda items later in February at a time to be determined.

*Present:* J.G. Clifford, D. Cournoyer, D. Lillo-Martin, J. Marsden, E. Pagoulatos, E. Smith, L. Strausbaugh, G. Anderson (Interim Vice Provost), J. Henkel (Associate Vice Provost), and T. Peters (Program Director)

Respectfully submitted,

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