

Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

March 21, 2007

Whetten Graduate Center, Room 200

3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:06 P.M. Vice Provost Gregory J. Anderson presided.
2. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 21, 2007 with the additions of J. G. Clifford and J. Madaus to the list of attendees.
3. The following resolution was introduced for consideration:

AUTHORIZATION TO CONFER GRADUATE DEGREES --

It is recommended that the degrees of Master of Arts, Master of Business Administration, Master of Dental Science, Master of Engineering, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Music, Master of Professional Studies, Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Health, Master of Science, Master of Social Work, Doctor of Audiology, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Musical Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy be conferred upon those candidates who have satisfied all requirements and have been duly certified by the Graduate School for award of said degrees throughout the conferral periods ending in May, August, and December 2007.

The adoption of the resolution was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** unanimously on a voice vote.

4. G. Anderson introduced Thomas Callahan, Associate Vice President, who addressed the Council on the topic of *Facilities Operations Charging Policies*. Callahan gave a PowerPoint presentation which provided detailed information concerning the full scope of facilities operations, personnel, infrastructure, budget, and the like.
5. Anne Lanzit, Program Administrator in the Graduate School, spoke with members about the Bologna Protocol. She explained the differences between three- and four-year baccalaureate programs offered in many countries. Lanzit said that the Graduate School does not accept three-year baccalaureates when the applicant's secondary preparation extends only through the 12th grade. The British model, on the other hand, includes a 13th year at the secondary level. The Bologna Protocol calls for standardization in terms of secondary and college-level curricula (i.e., 12 years of elementary and secondary preparation, three years for the baccalaureate, and two years at the master's level). Forty-five countries to date have agreed to the Bologna Protocol, Lanzit noted. There was discussion about whether or not the Graduate School should consider applicants who hold Bologna-Protocol baccalaureate degrees.
6. G. Anderson introduced Charlie Eaton, Associate Controller, and Wes Eaton, Manager of Cost Analysis. Charlie Eaton gave a PowerPoint presentation concerning *Facilities and Administration Rates*. In particular, he spoke about the data that must be collected and analyzed in order to compute the rate and about how UConn's rate compares with the rates of other institutions. There was brief discussion.
7. G. Anderson introduced Eric Soulsby, Assistant Vice Provost, who gave a PowerPoint presentation concerning *Program Assessment*. Soulsby explained that assessments of undergraduate programs are underway and that we must prepare to assess graduate programs. During discussion, it was noted that providing adequate resources will be key to the success of the assessment effort.
8. Cynthia van Zelm, Executive Director of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, addressed the Council concerning the Partnership's ongoing plan to build a new downtown area across Route 195 from the School of Fine Arts complex and E. O. Smith High School. She explained that the plan includes new commercial and residential facilities designed to enhance the quality of life for area residents and for those associated with UConn.
9. Adjournment was at 5:05 PM.

Present: W. Abikoff, A. Albert, A. Anderson, J. Barnes-Farrell, A. Basu, M. Bock, H. Brody, T. Byrne (alt), C. Clark, J. G. Clifford, M. L. Fernandez, A. Frogley, J. Glaz, D. Lillo-Martin, B. Merrill (alt), M. Rubio, E. Schultz, A. Shvartsman, W. Smith (alt), K. Venkitanarayanan, G. Anderson (*Vice Provost*), J. Henkel (*Associate Vice Provost*), and T. Peters (*Program Director*)

Regrets: T. Blank, J. Bourbeau, D. Cournoyer, T. Kehle, J. Madaus, C. Schaefer, L. Strausbaugh, P. Streifer, Bi Zhang

Speakers: Thomas Callahan, *Associate Vice Provost*
Charlie Eaton, *Associate Controller*
Wes Eaton, *Manager of Cost Analysis*
Eric Soulsby, *Assistant Vice Provost*
Cynthia van Zelm, *Executive Director of the Mansfield
Downtown Partnership*

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Peters

Program Director