

Executive Committee  
of the  
Graduate Faculty Council

**MINUTES**

February 1, 2012  
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room  
3:00 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 P.M. Interim Vice Provost and Dean K. Holsinger presided.
2. Associate Dean C. Lin welcomed K. Holsinger to his first meeting of the GFC Executive Committee.
3. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2011.
4. It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent on a voice vote to accept the list of Plans of Study and Dissertation Proposals.
5. The revised text of the MOU received from the School of Engineering to create a “3+2” program between UConn and Xi’an Jiaotong University in China was considered. The proposal initially was considered at the 12/5/11 meeting. In particular, revisions were requested to make clear the non-degree aspect of the proposal as well as the potential benefits of the proposed program to UConn. There was discussion about allowing the transfer of seven academic credits, which is more than 25% of the required number of credits for the proposed master’s program (27 credits). Members also requested that certain wording on page 4 of the revised proposal be removed.  
  
It was moved (J. G. Clifford) to approve the revised proposal as modified above with the notation that the allowance of as many as seven credits to be accepted in transfer is being permitted because of the academic merit of the program. The motion was seconded (J. Barnes-Farrell) and it passed without dissent on a voice vote.
6. There was discussion concerning *Universitas 21* students who come to UConn to study. It was noted that a form or a form letter concerning these students needs to be developed.
7. There was discussion concerning the IT needs of the Graduate School and the Graduate School’s relationship with UITs.
8. It was noted that arrangements will be made for the group to meet with President Herbst in the near future. W. Abikoff agreed to re-circulate his list of discussion topics previously prepared.
9. K. Holsinger announced that he has reactivated the Graduate School’s Diversity Committee.
10. There was discussion concerning the Graduate School’s Academic Integrity Policy and Complaint Resolution Procedure. It was noted that both need to be reviewed and revised.
11. It was decided to call a meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council for 2/15/11. Among the agenda items will be an election to fill two seats on the executive Committee. The terms of W. Abikoff and J. Barnes- Farrell expire this year.
12. Adjournment was at 5:03 PM.

*Present:* W. Abikoff, A. Albert, J. Barnes-Farrell, J. G. Clifford, S. De. Guise, S. Nunnally, K. Holsinger (*Interim Vice Provost and Dean*), C. Lin (*Associate Dean*), B. Kream (*Associate Dean-Health Center*), and T. Peters (*Program Director*)

Respectfully submitted,

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