

GRADUATE FACULTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

January 29, 1992

United Nations Room, 3:30 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M. Associate Dean J. Henkel presided.
2. It was moved (G. Anderson), seconded (C. Norgaard), and passed without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the November 20, 1991 meeting.
3. J. Henkel introduced several recently-elected Councillors, including: C. Lammi-Keefe (Nutritional Science), L. Mandell (Business Administration), G. Maxwell (Biomedical Science), D. Miller (Psychology), B. Murphy (English), and F. Nichols (Dental Science).
4. J. Henkel called for an election to fill two seats on the GFC Executive Committee. The terms of two elected members, T. Roberts and W. Smith, expire this year. Henkel opened the floor to noninations. Nominated were:

A. Hiskes (Philosophy)
L. Strausbaugh (Molecular and Cell Biology)
G. Epling (Chemistry)
G. Maxwell (Biomedical Science)

J. Smith was nominated but declined. It was moved (J. Smith) and seconded (R. Coons) to close nominations. They were closed.

Election was by paper ballot. Elected to the Executive Committee were:

L. Strausbaugh
and
G. Maxwell.

5. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussion with members of the Provost's Program Review Committee about the Committee's work and about the implications of the Committee's work for the University. T. Giolas introduced Frank Vasington, the Committee's Chairperson. Vasington introduced the members of the Committee who were present, including: J. Bridges, T. Giolas, D. Hentschel, J. Koberstein, K. Newmyer, A. Orza, D. Oestreicher, G. Price, and J. Smith.

Copies of a recent Committee mailing were distributed. The mailing was a memorandum to the University community which asked for input

and recommendations pertaining to the preservation and/or strengthening of programs, the consolidation or elimination of programs, and ways in which money could be saved or new revenues generated. The memorandum stated that the following are the criteria the Committee is applying in its consideration of each program: (1) the centrality of a program to the mission and the operation of the University as a land grant institution as it relates to teaching, research, and outreach/public service; (2) program productivity; (3) program quality; and (4) program uniqueness.

Vasington explained that the Committee has met already with several Deans and has planned future meetings with the remaining deans and other key administrators. Written material will be considered as well. The Committee must deliberate and report its recommendations to the Provost by July 1, 1992.

There were many questions from the floor which generated extensive discussion. Vasington explained that the Committee is empowered to make RECOMMENDATIONS. There was discussion about the use of the word "program" in the name of the Committee. Vasington indicated that the Committee did not view this as limiting in any way the scope of the Committee's consideration of University offerings and operations.

It was stressed that the Committee did not wish to recommend devastating long-term changes in the institution to try to deal with a short-term fiscal problem. The Committee's goal is to preserve the University.

The committee has ruled out across the board wholesale reductions as the only solution to the deficit problem. It was noted that everything "is up for grabs."

Recognizing the University's responsibility to students in the pipeline, Vasington said that the Committee is sensitive to the need to provide students with the opportunity to finish what they already have begun. Accordingly, academic programs would need to be phased out rather than eliminated abruptly.

In large measure, increased revenue rather than program elimination is the answer to the immediate problem. To eliminate faculty, for example, would require 12 - 15 months notice. Doing so would not result in immediate savings.

Complicating the matter further for the moment is State's retirement incentive program presently in force. It is not yet known how many retirements there will be and where. Definitive information will not be available until March 1.

In closing, Vasington emphasized that the Committee is OPEN to any and all input. He encouraged individuals from all areas of the University to communicate their ideas to the Committee.

6. Adjournment was at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas B. Peters
Secretary

THOSE PRESENT:

Councillors

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| G. Anderson | A. Hiskes | E. Pagoulatos |
| B. Bible | J. Knox | W. Parker |
| W. Bohlen | J. Koberstein | A. Roberts (alt.) |
| P. Clapp | C. Lammi-Keeffe | P. Rosenberg |
| R. Coons | M. Lerman | R. Shaw |
| D. Cournoyer | B. Lovell | I. Silverblatt |
| N. Doherty | L. Mandel | J. Smith |
| G. Epling | G. Maxwell | W. Smith |
| A. Farina | D. Miller | M. Tanzer |
| J. Gatta | B. Murphy | J. Wilkie |
| N. Gray | F. Nichols | P. Willett |
| D. Hanink | C. Nielsen | T. Yang |
| H. Hansen | C. Norgaard | C. Zirakzadeh |

D. Herzberger (sent regrets)

Graduate School

T. Giolas J. Henkel E. Sellers T. Peters