

# Graduate Faculty Council

## MINUTES

January 31, 1996  
United Nations Room  
3:00 P. M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M. Dean Thomas Giolas presided.
2. **It was moved** (R. Coons), seconded (D. Camaione), and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the December 13, 1995 meeting.
3. An election was held to fill two seats on the GFC Executive Committee. The terms of L. Klobutcher and E. Pagoulatos expire in January 1996.

Nominated were: D. Camaione, E. Pagoulatos, and A. Pappano. **It was moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to close nominations.

Voting was by paper ballot. D. Camaione and E. Pagoulatos were **elected** to three-year terms.

T. Giolas announced that he would appoint A. Pappano to a seat on the Executive Committee. The term of R. Garfinkel also expires in January 1996.

4. The balance of the meeting was devoted to a detailed and extensive presentation by J. Henkel on the recently-published National Research Council (NRC) ratings of doctoral programs.

Henkel distributed copies of a handout containing an outline of the presentation as well as appendices highlighting comparisons of UConn's ratings and the ratings of two groups of selected universities--*peer* institutions and *goal* institutions.

Discussion was lengthy. It was agreed that a task force of faculty should be created to work with Henkel in addressing issues raised by the NRC ratings.

It was agreed that the Council will continue its discussion of this matter at the February 1996 meeting.

5. Adjournment was at 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas B. Peters  
Secretary

### PRESENT

#### Councillors

J. Allen	R. Coons	J. Heiss	E. Pagoulatos	W. Smith
R. Bee	D. Cooper	A. Hild	A. Pappano	L. Strausbaugh
T. Blank	P. Douglas	R. Hiskes	M. Proser	B. Suess
R. Blei	G. English	G. M. Howard (alt)	N. Rodriguez	J. Troyer
D. Camaione	J. Grasso	V. Makowsky	S. Sacks	C. A. vanLear
P. Clapp	R. Growney	R. McCartney	D. Schroeder	T. Yang
R. Colwell	E. J. Gubbins	E. Murtha-Smith (alt)	L. Sloan	

Graduate School: T. Giolas, J. Henkel, G. Maxwell, E. Sellers, and T. Peters

*Sent Regrets:* G. Anderson, C. Bruckerhoff, N. Doherty, G. Epling, D. Grasso, G. Powell, and M. Wilbur