

Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

March 27, 1996

United Nations Room

3:00 P. M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 P.M. Associate Dean James Henkel 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 February 28, 1996 meeting.

[*Secretary's note:* The following list of regrets should have been included with the February 28, 1996 minutes -- R. Baron, N. Doherty, R. Growney, H. Mark, G. Maxwell, R. McCartney, A. Pappano, R. Shaw, C.F. Sirmans, and M. Wilbur.]

3. J. Henkel read the following:

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 Fine Arts, Master of Music, Master of Public Affairs, Master of Public Health, Master of Science, Master of Social Work, Doctor of Musical Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy be conferred on 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 May 19, 1996, August 31, 1996, and December 31, 1996.

The authorization to confer degrees **was moved** (R. Coons), seconded (D. Camaione), and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote.

4. **Committee Reports** --

a. **Admission and Retention** -- Erling Murtha-Smith, Chair

The Committee has had extensive discussions with respect to Strategic Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan, which is to *recruit and retain outstanding students, faculty, and staff*. Committee recommendations were summarized under three headings: (1) develop indicators of potentially outstanding graduate students, (2) create environment attractive to outstanding graduate students, and (3) generate other ideas. A handout was distributed which listed the 20 recommendations. These include (among others): redesigning the application form, streamlining the application process, utilizing technology more effectively, and enhancing graduate student support.

b. **Curriculum and Courses** -- Ronald Coons, Chair

Topics of recent discussion include, among others, the University's course numbering system as well as a proposal (which is ready for GFC consideration) to modify the policy concerning the inclusion of 200's level course work on graduate plans of study. Three items will be included on the agenda for the Committee's Spring meeting: (1) the role of the Committee in the approval process for new graduate courses (referred by the GFC Executive Committee), (2) review of the *Standards and Degree Requirements* section of the Graduate Catalog, and (3) the role(s) of coordinators and directors of graduate study among the various fields of study.

c. **Faculty Standards** -- Emilio Pagoulatos, Chair

The Committee has two major agenda items for its Spring meeting. These are development of a conflict of interest policy for the Graduate School and consideration of an academic integrity policy and procedure.

d. **Research Support** -- Linda Strausbaugh, Chair

The Committee most recently has discussed strategies to address some of the issues and concerns identified in recent GFC discussions with respect to the NRC ratings of doctoral programs. Copies of a handout were distributed which groups these strategies under four headings: (1) Graduate Student Recruitment and Support, (2) Research Support Services--Grants & Contracts and Purchasing, (3) Research Support Services--A Directory of Research Services, and (4) Research Support--Getting the Word Out.

There was discussion about the need for a comprehensive directory of research services for the University (item #3 above). **It was moved** (D. Camaione), seconded (R. Coons), and **passed** that the GFC express its strong support for the development of such a directory.

5. B. Suess called attention to budgetary developments at the State Capitol. Higher Education in Connecticut may face a reduction of 3.2 - 8% in State funding. Suess urged GFC members to participate in a rally at the Capitol scheduled for April 3, 1996.

6. **Dean's Report** --

T. Giolas spoke about the Chancellor's response to budget issues, the formation of the Presidential Search Committee, revision of the University By-Laws, and about administrative reorganization.

7. Adjournment was at 5:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas B. Peters
Secretary

P R E S E N T

Councilors

R. Baron	R. Growney	E. Murtha-Smith (alt)	S. Sacks	C.A. vanLear
R. Bee	E.J. Gubbins	E. Pagoulatos	W. Smith	P. Willett
D. Camaione	A. Hild	N. Rodriguez	L. Strausbaugh	T. Yang
R. Coons	V. Makowsky	P. Rosenberg	B. Suess	

Regrets -- P. Cordeiro, N. Doherty, H. Mark, M. Proser, C. F. Sirmans, and D. Stern

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