

GRADUATE FACULTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 29, 1992
United Nations Room, 3:30 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 P.M. Dean T. Giolas presided.
2. It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent to approve as distributed the minutes of the January 29, 1992 meeting.
3. J. Henkel moved 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 16, 1992; August 31, 1992; and December 31, 1992.

The motion was seconded (C. Norgaard and G. Anderson) and it passed without dissent on a voice vote.

4. T. Giolas introduced President Harry Hartley and Councillor Linda Strausbaugh, Co-Chair of the GFC Research Development Committee. Present also were Provost Thomas Tighe and John Maloney, Associate Vice President for Financial Planning and Budget. The focus of the remainder of the meeting was the University's research mission and and related topics.

President Hartley spoke briefly about the State budget for the coming fiscal year. He spoke also about the University's research mission. Handouts were distributed which addressed the President's vision and priorities for the future of the University as well as his budget strategy (including his response to a request from Hartford for substantial cuts in spending in the coming year). A publication entitled "University of Connecticut: The State's Partner in Economic Recovery" also was included.

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T. Giolas recognized L. Strausbaugh, who addressed the group on concerns related to RESEARCH in the face of severe budgetary constraints. She stressed the importance of attracting high quality graduate students, of supporting instruction, and of

attracting and retaining high quality graduate assistants and post-docs.

Strausbaugh spoke of a number of steps that could be taken at the local level to to enhance the overall quality of graduate students and the University's research environment:

- * Provide adequate support for Work Study and Student Labor during the summer months
- * Provide support for graduate assistantships in the summer
- * "Package" graduate assistanships with other forms of support effectively and competitively
- * Seek enhancement of the Connecticut High Technology Scholarship Program (i.e., increase stipend, add tuition waiver, provide health insurance, etc.)
- * Continue the good work of the Research Foundation, which is found by faculty to a strong administrative arm of the University in the research arena
- * Establish and maintain the institution's priorities vis-a-vis its research mission (e.g., the dismantling of the Photo Lab struck a blow to research activities on the Storrs campus)
- * Have the Dean of the Graduate School sit on the President's Cabinet
- * Facilitate interaction between researchers and administrators
- * Facilitate interaction between researchers here and researchers at other institutions
- * Recruit and retain good, young research faculty
- * Insure ability to fill mid-level faculty positions
- * Do everything possible to enhance the appearance of the physical plant.

In concluding her remarks, Strausbaugh agreed to provide the President and the Provost with data on various matters.

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G. Epling stressed the need to derive the greatest benefit from the world-class scholars that we currently have and to do what is necessary to keep them here.

W. Smith emphasized the importance of providing adequate start-up funds for scholars who are brought here.

The President spoke about the Library and the Computer Center as well as the equipment needed to sustain high-quality ongoing research.

F. Carstensen addressed the need to facilitate the working relationship between research faculty and the Office of Grants and Contracts, the need to offer a broad range of graduate courses in the summer and the dollars to do it, and the distinction between graduate assistants and lecturers. Lecturers, he pointed out, do not have tuition waivers or benefits as do graduate assistants. He noted that lecturers do the same work as teaching assistants.

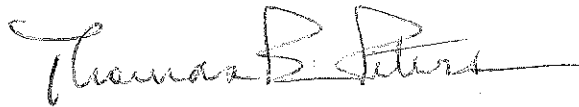
R. Colwell spoke of difficulties with sub-contracts which complicate collaborative arrangements with other institutions.

P. Rosenberg noted ongoing difficulties with research support services such as Travel. He stressed the need to take full advantage of the autonomy we now have.

President Hartley thanked the Council and said that he would be responsive to the points raised.

5. Adjournment was at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas B. Peters
Secretary

PRESENT:

Councillors

G. Anderson	P. Fitz (alt.)	B. Murphy
B. Bible	S. Greenspan	C. Norgaard
W.F. Bohlen	D. Hanink	E. Pagoulatos
R. Buck	H. Hansen	W. Parker
F. Carstensen	D. Herzberger	G. Punj
W. Chapple	A. Hiskes	A. Roberts (alt.)
P. Clapp	N. Katter	P. Rosenberg
R. Colwell	T. Kehle	J. Smith
R. Coons	J. Knox	W. Smith
D. Cournoyer	C. Lammi-Keefe	L. Strausbaugh
J. DeWolf	M. Lerman	M. Tanzer
N. Doherty	B. Lovell	R. Vitale (alt.)
G. Epling	G. Maxwell	S. Weller
A. Farina	D. Miller	J. Wilkie
L.C. Faustman	R. Miller	T. Yang
		C. Zirakzadeh

Adminsitration & Graduate School

H. Hartley	T. Giolas	T. Peters
T. Tighe	J. Henkel	W. Nott (Graduate Student Senate)
J. Maloney	E. Sellers	