

GRADUATE FACULTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

May 24, 1995

United Nations Room, 3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M. Dean T. Giolas presided.
2. IT WAS MOVED, seconded, and PASSED without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the March 29, 1995 meeting.
3. T. Giolas introduced Provost Mark A. Emmert, who addressed the Council briefly.
4. Standing Committee Reports:
 - a. FACULTY STANDARDS (E. Pagoulatos, Chair)

Criteria for appointment and reappointment to the Graduate Faculty have been the Committee's recent focus.
 - b. CURRICULA AND COURSES (P. Willett)

Examples of issues addressed recently include the approval process for new graduate courses, the course numbering system, the role of Field of Study Coordinators, and the revision of the first several sections of the Graduate Catalog. A proposal to modify the regulation governing the inclusion of undergraduate courses on Plans of Study is ready for consideration by the Council. An issue to be considered next year is the proposal to provide a sign-off for the Field of Study Coordinator on Plans of Study.
 - c. RESEARCH SUPPORT (L. Strausbaugh, Chair)

The Committee has sought to streamline research-related procedures in three key areas: Grants and Contracts, Purchasing, and Travel. Several matters are on the agenda for future consideration. Examples are post-doctoral positions, sub-contracts, university support services, and purchasing issues related to computer software and hardware.
 - d. GRADUATE ADMISSIONS (E. Murtha-Smith, Chair)

The Committee is concerned with the admission as well as the retention of students. Three new admissions categories (i.e., Unclassified, Special, and Certificate) were approved at the previous Council meeting. Graduate student privileges now can be extended to special scholars, research specialists, and the like. Approved also at the previous meeting was a provision permitting

graduate admission with language conditions. Future agenda items include reviews of recruitment materials and of the International Teaching Assistant Program.

e. GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT (F. Carstensen, Chair)

Over the past five years, the Committee has worked to insure a stronger voice for graduate-student issues on a university-wide housing committee, to provide for timely allocation of graduate assistantships and enhancement of stipend rates, to extend the deadline for application for need-based aid, and to make more equitable the graduate student fee system. Ongoing and future agenda items include further enhancement of graduate student housing opportunities, development of institutional support for students during the summer, and linking merit-based and need-based aid awards resulting in a single award letter for each applicant/student.

5. The Provost responded to several questions.

6. Adjournment was at 4:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas B. Peters
Secretary

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PRESENT

Councillors

J. Allen	J. Faris	H. Mark	P. Roberts *	M. Wachman
W.F. Bohlen	A. Gelfand	R. McDonald *	N. Rodriguez	K. Westberg *
D. Camaione	R. Growney	R. Milvae	C. Schaefer *	M. Wilbur
F. Carstensen	J. Heiss	J. Morral	R. Shaw	P. Willett
P. Cordeiro	A. Hiskes	E. Murtha-Smith	C. Sirmans	S. Wisensale
V. Cormier	G. Hummel	N. Orringer *	L. Sloan	T. Yang
E. Diaz *	J.R. Knox	E. Pagoulatos	W. Smith	X. Yang *
G. Epling	V. Makowsky	E. Pinner	L. Strausbaugh	

Sent Regrets: E.J. Gubbins

* = alternate

Graduate School

Executive Committee

Speaker

T. Giolas	E. Sellers	T. Roberts	Provost Mark A. Emmert
J. Henkel	T. Peters		