

GRADUATE FACULTY COUNCIL

MINUTES

September 26, 1990

United Nations Room, 3:30 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. Dean T. Giolas presided.
2. It was moved (R. Coons), seconded (E. Pagoulatos), and passed without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the March 28, 1990 meeting.
3. T. Giolas called to the attention of Council members the primary agenda item for the meeting, which was the consideration of a proposed resolution on appointment and reappointment to the Graduate Faculty, submitted by the Graduate Faculty Standards Committee. The most recent version of the document, dated September 26, 1990, was distributed prior to the meeting. S. Greenspan, Chair of the Graduate Faculty Standards Committee, opened the discussion by indicating that this latest version reflected all changes agreed to in previous discussions.

J. Henkel reviewed these revisions for members of the Council, highlighting the various steps of the proposed process.

E. Pagoulatos, a member of the Graduate Faculty Standards Committee, noted that the proposal emphasizes scholarship and establishes standards. These, he said, are critical in any effort to maintain quality in graduate (especially doctoral) degree programs.

P. Rosenberg voiced the opinion that the most recent version of the proposal is the strongest to date.

P. Clapp expressed support for the underlying premise of the proposal, which he summarized as "Quality advisors mean quality students."

A. Philpotts advocated the use of external examiners in conjunction with the proposed procedure. In so doing, he said, degree programs would be strengthened.

R. Coons cautioned that publication records alone may be insufficient to guarantee effective advisement.

T. Jones suggested that the proposal places too much authority in the hands of those who already have too much authority.

J. Henkel pointed out that the faculty committees would review the C.V.'S and forward their findings, in the form of recommendations, to the GFC Executive Committee.

J. Thibodeau, a member of the Graduate Faculty Standards Committee, stressed the importance of effective monitoring, especially at the Dissertation Prospectus stage.

P. Clapp said that he had canvassed the members of his department. They were unanimous in their belief that the academic department is best able to determine suitability for appointment to the Graduate Faculty. Bureaucracy should be minimized, he stressed.

S. Greenspan noted that a proposal concerning internal program review should reach the Council floor in the near future. At present, he noted, there is no periodic or systematic review of graduate programs.

Several Councillors indicated that faculty members in their respective departments were negative toward the proposal. It was suggested that the By-Laws or that the standards should be changed.

A. Hiskes called for a vote on the proposal.

S. Greenspan moved the adoption of the document "A Proposal on Appointment and Reappointment to the Graduate Faculty" (September 26, 1990 revision). The motion was seconded. It passed on a hand vote with 25 voting in favor, 13 opposed, and two abstentions.

4. NEW BUSINESS —

- * J. Henkel encouraged Councillors wishing to volunteer for service on GFC Committees to inform him of their willingness to do so.
- * J. Henkel highlighted the plans for the upcoming observance of the 50th Anniversary of Graduate Studies at The University of Connecticut.
- * F. Carstensen expressed concern over the fact that student costs are rising more rapidly than are the stipend rates for (half-time) graduate assistants. He pointed out that the Bursar has threatened at least two students with termination.

T. Giolas asked that any student affected in this way be directed to Mrs. Gail Voit in The Graduate School.

- * T. Giolas indicated that he is searching for funds to permit faculty members to take courses at other institutions since most cannot pursue a graduate degree here.
- * T. Giolas announced that the administration has approved of a policy that would provide for greater parity between pay for graduate assistants and pay for lecturers directly involved in instruction. He noted that fringes do not apply to the latter group.
- * P. Clapp moved that the resolution on appointment and reappointment to the Graduate Faculty just passed be put before the entire membership of the entire Graduate Faculty for a vote. The motion was ruled out of order because the By-Laws do not provide for such a vote. Clapp questioned whether Councillors were representing the views of their constituents.

5. It was moved, seconded, and passed on a standing vote to adjourn at 5:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Madelyn Smith
Secretary pro tem

THOSE PRESENT:

Councillors

A. Abramson	T. Jones	W. Parker
D. Allinson	N. Katter	S. Pfeiffer
G. Anderson	T. Kehle	T. Roberts
A. Beedle	D. Kenny	P. Rosenberg
R. Buck	J. Knox	B. Rutherford
F. Carstensen	J. Koberstein	R. Sabatelli
P. Clapp	D. Krutchkoff	R. Shaw
R. Coons	L. Langston	C. Spencer
G. Epling	M. Lerman	J. Thibodeau
N. Gray	B. Lovell	F. Trainor
S. Greenspan	R. Miller	J. Wilkie
D. Herzberger	R. Milvae	P. Willett
A. Hiskes	E. Pagoulatos	C. Zirakzadeh

Graduate School

T. Giolas
J. Henkel
M. Smith