

Executive Committee
of the
Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

April 12, 2006
Whetten Graduate Center -- Giolas Conference Room
2:30 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:36 P.M. Interim Vice Provost Gregory J. Anderson presided.
2. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the 3/1/06 meeting.
3. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve with one minor correction the list of Plans of Study and Dissertation Proposals.
4. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) grading option for PT 461, PT 464, PT 467, and PT 468.
5. G. Anderson updated the group on the work of the Special Fellowship Committee.
6. J. Henkel spoke about the need for units to develop Diversity Plans. He asked members to provide input concerning elements to include in a proposal for a plan for Research and Graduate Education. There was considerable discussion.
7. A proposal received from the School of Nursing to establish Post-Master Certificate Tracks in Nursing was introduced for consideration. J. Henkel noted that the proposed tracks are intended to provide retraining opportunities for practicing nurses.

Following discussion, it was **moved** (E. Smith), seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the Certificate Tracks in Adult Acute Care, Adult Primary Care, Community Health Nursing, Neonatal Acute Care, Patient Care Services and Systems Administration, and Psychiatric Mental Health.
8. J. Henkel introduced a new Graduate School course -- *GRAD 310 – Responsible Conduct in Research* -- for consideration and approval. It was **moved** (E. Smith), seconded (D. Cournoyer), and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the course as presented.
9. Following a brief discussion about meeting agendas, it was agreed that posting agendas and attachments to a secure Web site would be an effective means of disseminating meeting materials in the future. Until a secure Web site can be implemented, it was agreed that agendas and attachments will continue to be distributed via e-mail with the understanding that the Graduate School will provide hard copies at each meeting (obviating the need for members to print their own personal copies).
10. It was agreed to call a meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council for Wednesday, April 19, 2006.
11. There were several announcements and updates.
12. Adjournment was at 3:50 PM.

Present: W. Abikoff, D. Cournoyer, E. Pagoulatos, E. Smith, G. Anderson (Interim Vice Provost), J. Henkel (Associate Vice Provost), G. Maxwell (Associate Dean) – *participated by phone*, and T. Peters (Program Director)

Regrets: J. G. Clifford, D. Lillo-Martin, J. Marsden, and L. Strausbaugh

Respectfully submitted,

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