

Executive Committee
of the
Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

May 5, 2010
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room
4:00 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:04 P.M. Interim Dean Lee Aggison presided.
2. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the minutes of April 7, 2010 meeting as distributed.
3. Regina Cusson, Associate Dean of Nursing, presented and discussed with members a proposal which seeks to modify the current Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program to permit students holding bachelor's degrees to enroll. Cusson noted that most students would choose to pursue this program on a part-time basis. A master's degree would be awarded "along the way" to the doctorate. Cusson also noted that there is a potential international component involved. The proposal will be considered at the next meeting.
4. L. Aggison engaged members in a discussion of goals and objectives for the Graduate School.

There was detailed discussion concerning the organization and functioning of the Graduate Faculty Council (GFC). There was considerable interest in the standing-committee structure that existed in the Council's early days (the Graduate Faculty Council became the legislative body of the Graduate School in 1989). Initially, the Council had six standing committees: Admission and Recruitment, Curricula and Courses, Graduate Student Support, Faculty Standards, International Affairs, and Research Support. In the course of the present discussion, Diversity and Infrastructure were identified as important areas to be included if standing committees for the Council again were to be considered. It also was noted that cross-representation among the GFC, the Senate, and the Storrs and Health Center Research Councils should be an important element in the ongoing work of the Council and that the GFC should operate under *Robert's Rules of Order*. There was further discussion about selecting a GFC member to serve as moderator.

As a result of the discussion, it was **moved** (M. Bock) and seconded (J. Barnes-Farrell) to present a motion to the Graduate Faculty Council to establish eight Standing Committees as follows: Admission and Recruitment, Curricula and Courses, Diversity, Faculty Standards, Graduate Student Support, Infrastructure, International Affairs, and Research Support. The motion **passed** without dissent on a voice vote.

Members also discussed the administration of various fellowship and award programs. It was noted that there are several funds from which fellowship and award monies need to be distributed to deserving graduate students.

It was **moved** (S. Hewett), seconded (J. Barnes-Farrell) and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote that the Outstanding Scholars Program Awards Committee should explore the best way to utilize the Michael Hogan Fellowship.

5. Adjournment was at 5:45 PM.

Present: W. Abikoff, M. Aindow, J. Barnes-Farrell, M. Bock, J. G. Clifford, S. Hewett, S. Nunnally, L. Aggison (*Interim Dean*), L. Klobutcher (*Associate Dean*), and T. Peters (*Program Director*)

Speaker: Regina Cusson, *Associate Dean of Nursing*

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Peters

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