

Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

February 17, 2010

Hugh Clark Meeting Room -- Whetten Graduate Center, Room 200
3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:07 P.M. Vice President for Research Suman Singha presided.
2. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2009.
3. S. Singha recognized A. Grubb, who reported on recent meetings and activities of the Graduate Student Senate (GSS). Grubb noted that the imminent vote of the Board of Trustees (BOT) to set tuition rates for the 2010-2011 academic year is a matter of great concern and importance to the GSS. Grubb said that he intends to speak on behalf of the GSS when the BOT considers tuition rates. He also noted that the GSS now will be represented on the Costs, Operations & Revenue Efficiencies (CORE) Task Force. And, finally, Grubb noted that the GSS is continuing its discussions concerning international-student issues.
4. W. Abikoff reported on behalf of the GFC Executive Committee. He explained in detail the work and functions of the Executive Committee (in part as background information for members for the election to follow – see item #5).
5. An election was held to fill the seat previously held by Arlene Albert. The term is for three years, ending 1/31/2013. S. Hewett nominated Arlene Albert. The nomination was seconded. W. Abikoff **moved** that Albert be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and it **passed** without dissent on a voice vote.
6. S. Singha spoke about the *Policy on Competitive Federal Graduate Awards*. The policy became effective 2/1/2010. A copy of the policy is attached to the file copy of these minutes.
7. L. Aggison spoke about the following matters:
 - There are a number graduate fellowships and scholarships that have not been awarded. Aggison asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to award four fellowships administered by the UConn Foundation. Volunteers were asked to contact Aggison via e-mail to express their interest in serving.
 - Several graduate student focus groups are to be formed to address several topics.
 - Faculty wishing to nominate students for the Outstanding Scholars Program and for the Multicultural Scholars Program should forward their nominations to Aggison without delay.
 - The Policies and Procedures Committee is meeting and making progress.
 - The Graduate Certificate Programs Committee has completed its work and the group's report is nearly ready for the Council.
 - "L.E.A.D.: Leaders Educating and Advocating Development" Forum workshops are being developed for offering to graduate students on 4/13/2010. Information is posted on the Graduate School Web site.
 - It will be possible soon to submit electronically the various components of the Graduate School application for admission to graduate study.
 - The Graduate School continues to work with vendors to implement electronic submission of theses and dissertations.
 - It is extremely important that everyone follow the established procedures in terms of handling cases of academic misconduct and dismissal.
 - It also is extremely important that programs and departments adhere to established minimum criteria for admission.
8. Adjournment was at 3:57 P.M.

Present: W. Abikoff, M. Aindow, A. Albert (alt), S. Andrew (alt), R. Bansal, J. Barnes-Farrell, G. Berkowitz, T. Blank, J. Boster (alt), Z. Chi, J. G. Clifford, V. Cormier, V. Duffy (alt), A. Finger (alt), A. Frogley, N. Garrick, A. Grubb, S. Hewett, O. Karan, W. Kraemer, L. Lewis, E. Markus, J. Marsden, G. McManus (alt), C. Parks, M. Peczuh, (alt), T.J. Peters, G. Risatti, M. Robbins (alt), F. Shah, Y. Sharvit (alt), C.A. VanLear, A. Vella, M. Yakimowski (alt), K. Yerubandi; and S. Singha (*Vice President*), L. Aggison (*Associate Dean*), and T.B. Peters (*Program Director*)

Respectfully submitted,

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