

Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

March 16, 2011

Hugh Clark Meeting Room -- Whetten Graduate Center, Room 200

3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M. Moderator J. Garry Clifford presided.
2. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2010.
3. D. Doran reported for the Graduate Student Senate (GSS). Topics included, among others: recent discussions with Representatives from the University Libraries, the GSS now has a secure space in the Student Union for postings, and the recent adoption by the GSS of an official statement concerning Spring Weekend 2011.
4. Michael Bennett, University Librarian, addressed the GFC concerning the possibility of implementing of procedures that would make possible the electronic submission of dissertations. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the file copy of these minutes. Bennett proposed in his presentation using the Digital Commons as the repository for dissertations rather than ProQuest as currently is required. There were concerns and questions about access to past dissertations and copyright issues. The GFC will consider the matter further at its next meeting.
5. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to adopt the following resolution:

AUTHORIZATION TO CONFER GRADUATE DEGREES --

It is recommended that the degrees of Master of Arts, Master of Business Administration, Master of Dental Science, Master of Engineering, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Music, Master of Professional Studies, Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Health, Master of Science, Master of Social Work, Doctor of Audiology, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Musical Arts, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Doctor of Physical Therapy, and Doctor of Philosophy and be conferred upon those candidates who have satisfied all requirements and have been duly certified by the Graduate School for award of said degrees throughout the conferral periods ending in May, August, and December 2011.

6. It was **moved** (E. Schultz) and seconded (R. Parnas) to remove from the table the election to fill two seats on the GFC Executive Committee for three-year terms. The election was tabled at the February meeting when a question was raised concerning the election procedure. The motion **passed** without dissent on a voice vote.

At the time the motion was tabled, J. Garry Clifford and Sylvain De Guise had been nominated. E. Schultz **moved** to close nominations. The motion was seconded and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote. Clifford and De Guise were declared to be elected in the absence of any other nominee.

7. The group revisited the matter of the Graduate Faculty reappointment process as it was adopted by the Graduate Faculty Council at its meeting of September 15, 2010. Extensive discussion ensued.

Following discussion, G. McManus **moved** the following –

That the backlog of reappointments to the Graduate Faculty be handled by splitting the alphabetical list of Fields of Study into thirds with each third being reviewed in each of three successive years until the backlog of reappointments is eliminated. All pending reappointments to the Graduate Faculty in a given Field of Study are to be considered in that year. Once the backlog is eliminated, one-seventh of the pending reappointments to the Graduate Faculty would be considered in each of the years following the initial three-year period noted above, per the normal cycle prescribed in the procedure as it was adopted. The motion was seconded and it **passed** without dissent on a voice vote.

8. L. Aggison provided the following updates and announcements:
 - A survey of GFC members favored moving forward with the implementation of the admissions software recently demonstrated by Hobsons.
 - The Policies and Procedures Task Force will be continuing with its work – the goal is to complete the work this summer.
 - Concerning electronic submission of dissertations, Aggison noted all of our aspirant institutions have electronic submission and they all use ProQuest.

- The Graduate School administrative staff will be working with UITS to develop electronic workflows.

9. Adjournment was at 4:28 PM.

Present: D. Adler, M. Aindow, JC Beall, J. G. Clifford (Moderator), D. Doran, G. Dunne, G. Elliott (alt), A. Finger (alt), T. Kehle, W. Kraemer, G. McManus, C. Parks, R. Parnas, E.C. Polifroni, E. Schultz, Y. Sharvit (alt), R. Srivastava (alt), K. Venkitanarayanan, P. Verardi, S. Winter; S. Nunnally (Executive Committee); and L. Aggison (Interim Vice Provost and Dean), C. Lin (Associate Dean), and T. Peters (Program Director)

Speaker: Michael Bennett, *University Librarian*

Respectfully submitted,

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