

Executive Committee
of the
Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

June 6, 2006
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room
10:00 A.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM. 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 May 3, 2006 meeting.
3. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the list of Plans of Study and Dissertation Proposals.
4. J. Henkel provided an update concerning the ongoing preparations for the upcoming NRC assessments of doctoral programs. It was noted that Henkel has been named as the official NRC coordinator for UConn. The NRC is holding to the originally-published timeline. There was discussion about the taxonomy and about the questionnaires (institutional, program, and faculty), which apparently have been finalized. Henkel will seek to resolve with the NRC questions concerning appropriate inclusion of fields and faculty and will report at the next meeting.
5. A proposal received from the Health Center to implement a Master of Science degree program in a new Field of Study to be called *Clinical and Translational Research* was introduced for consideration by G. Maxwell. It was noted that the need for this program is prompted by competitive funding now available from NIH.

It was **moved** (W. Abikoff) and seconded (J. G. Clifford and J. Marsden) to approve the proposal. There was discussion. It was noted that the target audience would include many already-enrolled UConn graduate students. The motion **passed** without dissent on a voice vote.

[G. Maxwell left the meeting at this point.]

6. J. Henkel introduced for consideration a proposal to implement a new Graduate Certificate Program in *Health Psychology*. Various elements of the proposal were discussed. Suggestions were made about possible rewording of objectives 3 and 4 (J. Henkel will confer with the appropriate faculty members). It was noted that the primary target audience would be already-enrolled UConn doctoral students.

It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the proposal (pending the rewording of the objectives noted above).

7. A request was introduced for consideration from the Department of Educational Psychology to implement the following changes:
 - Change the name of the master's-level Program Plan from *School Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology* to *School Counseling*, and
 - Change the name of the doctoral Area of Concentration from *School Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology* to *Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology*.

It was **moved** (D. Lillo-Martin), seconded (J.G. Clifford) and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the name changes as requested.

8. A request received from the Department of Kinesiology to change the name of Area of Concentration *Social Science of Sport and Leisure* to *Sport Management and Sociology* was introduced for consideration. It was agreed that additional information is needed, (rationale and input from the Department of Sociology).

J. Marsden **moved to table** the matter until the additional information is available. The motion to table was, seconded (D. Cournoyer) and it **passed** without dissent on a voice vote.
9. There was discussion about new-child leave provisions for graduate students. It was noted that graduate assistants currently are extended the same benefits as faculty members in this regard.
10. J. Henkel reported that a draft diversity plan was forwarded recently to the Office of Multicultural and International Affairs. The draft plan, which encompasses the office staffs as well as the academic purview of the Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Education, is being reviewed at this time.
11. There was discussion about the need for ongoing study of graduate program productivity and quality. The Executive Committee adopted guidelines related to this topic at its 5/3/06 meeting. It was noted that the Executive Committee must have a central role in this process.
12. There were several updates and announcements.
13. The meeting was adjourned at Noon.

Present: W. Abikoff, J. G. Clifford, D. Cournoyer, D. Lillo-Martin, J. Marsden, E. Pagoulatos, G. Anderson, J. Henkel, G. Maxwell (*by telephone*), T. Peters

Regrets: L. Strausbaugh

Respectfully submitted,

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