

Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

October 17, 2007

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 P.M. 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 meeting of September 19, 2007.
3. An election was held to fill one seat on the GFC Executive Committee. The seat previously had been held by Emilio Pagoulatos, representative from Agricultural and Resource Economics. Sylvain De Guise, representative from Pathobiology, was nominated. It was **moved** (J.G. Clifford), seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to close nominations. De Guise was **elected** by voice vote.
4. The Council continued its consideration of the draft document *Graduate School Grievance Procedures*. Further consideration of the matter at the September 19, 2007 meeting was tabled to provide an opportunity for the Graduate Student Senate to review the draft document.

It, was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to remove the matter from the table. B. Morrill, President of the GSS, spoke about several minor changes and clarifications to the draft document which were recommended by the GSS. These changes and clarifications were incorporated in the version of the draft document distributed with the agenda. A. Maurudis, Vice President of the GSS, also spoke about the recommended changes and clarifications.

Following brief discussion, it was **moved** (B. Morrill), seconded (C. Schaefer and A. Maurudis), and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the document as presented with the agenda (copy of the document as approved is attached to the file copy of these minutes).

5. G. Anderson spoke about recent progress in the work of the GFC Executive Committee to develop a Strategic Plan for the Graduate School.
6. G. Anderson introduced Michael J. Hogan, President of the University. President Hogan addressed the Council concerning many matters, including national rankings and the making of judgments related to the allocation and reallocation of resources. The President responded to several questions from the floor. Topics included: publications and patents, the importance of including the arts in the University's Strategic Plan, areas of institutional growth and the impact on rankings, increasing the number of distinguished professorships, growing emphasis on interdisciplinary teaching and research, research funding for the humanities, and start-up funding for new faculty.
7. The Council resumed its consideration the *Resolution on Author Rights and the Institutional Repository* (tabled at the last meeting). G. Anderson introduced Brinley Franklin, Vice Provost for University Libraries; Carolyn Mills, University Assistant Librarian; and Scott Kennedy, Area Head-University Libraries. They were present to provide background information and to answer questions.

Franklin spoke about recent developments in the world of academic publishing. He noted that UConn currently spends more than \$1 million annually to have access to a very large on-line collection of scholarly materials and said some things have had to be cancelled due to rapidly rising costs.

Mills addressed the matter of the selection of gatekeepers of the Digital Commons and about the rights of copyright owners, particularly those rights that can be retained by authors when publishing their work.

There was discussion. Questions arose concerning peer review of material to be included in the Digital Commons.

E. Schultz **moved to table** the matter. The motion was seconded, and it **passed** without dissent on a voice vote.

8. J. Henkel distributed handouts concerning various graduate-degree-program metrics that are being developed. The purpose of these metrics is to track degree-program characteristics and productivity. Henkel explained the various items included in the handouts. There was discussion.

9. Adjournment was at 5:17 P.M.

Present: W. Abikoff, A. Albert, A. Anderson, J. Barnes-Farrell, C. Auer (alt.), A. Basu, J. Bobaljik, M. Bock, H. Brody, J. G. Clifford, R. Cusson (alt), A. Donahue, G. Dunne, M-L. Fernandez, J. Glaz, W. Glenn, D. Gregorio, R. Grenier, R. Gross (alt), D. Hanink (alt), T. Kehle, A. Maurudis, B. Morrill, F. Nichols, G. Robbins, M. Rubio, M. Rudnicki, C. Schaefer, E. Schultz, L. Strausbaugh, T. Torgersen, J. Troyer, C.A. VanLear (alt), K. Venkitanarayanan, Bi Zhang, J. Marsden, (*Executive Committee*), G. Anderson (*Vice Provost*), J. Henkel (*Associate Vice Provost*), L. Klobutcher (*Associate Dean*), T. Peters (*Program Director*)

Not attending: M. Accorsi, M. Altobello, M. Bernstein, T. Blank, C. Clark, S. De Guise, V. Duffy, A Engler, A. Frogley, P. Goes, C. Havens, T. Hla, J. Kaminski, B. Liu, J. Madaus, C. Maresh, L. Max, S. McBrearty, T. Miceli, W. Mohler, R. Parnas, G. Semenza, L. Shapiro, A. Shvartsman, C.F. Sirmans, D. Stern, C. Sung, G. Taylor, A. Vias, S. Winter

Speakers: Michael J. Hogan, *President of the University*
Brinley Franklin, *Vice Provost for University Libraries*
Scott Kennedy, *Area Head-University Libraries*
Carolyn Mills, *University Assistant Librarian*

Respectfully submitted,

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