

## Graduate Faculty Council

### *MINUTES*

February 15, 2012

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:04 P.M. Moderator J. Garry Clifford presided.
2. The Moderator introduced Interim Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School Kent E. Holsinger.
3. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the meeting of November 16, 2011.
4. Newly-elected members of the Council were welcomed.
5. Nancy Wallach, Director of the Office of Research Compliance, addressed the group regarding responsible-conduct-in-research training.
6. The Moderator called for an election to fill two seats on the GFC Executive Committee for three-year terms. The elected terms of William Abikoff (Mathematics) and Janet Barnes-Farrell (Psychology) have expired. Following brief discussion, it was agreed that nominations would be submitted via e-mail to the Secretary by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Voting will take place at the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. It was agreed that Abikoff and Barnes-Farrell will continue to serve as members of the Executive Committee until that time. It was **moved** (A.Basu) to approve the procedure noted above. The motion was seconded and it **passed** without dissent on a voice vote.
7. K. Holsinger announced that the UConn Chapter of the AAUP has created a new faculty award in honor of Ed Marth, former Executive Director of the Chapter. The award recognizes excellence in graduate student mentoring.
8. C. Lin spoke about memoranda of understanding with other institutions.
9. Ryan Sayers, Technology Specialist in the Graduate School, and C. Lin spoke about downloading test scores (e.g., GRE, TOEFL, etc.) using the Hobsons *ApplyYourself* software. There was discussion concerning a variety of related matters.
10. C. Messier reported for the Graduate Student Senate (GSS). Her remarks concerning recent GSS activities and priorities included the planning of a professional development conference for April, the Grad Prom taking place soon, discussion about redefining the Graduate Assistantship, and work on a new GSS website.
11. W. Abikoff spoke about the functions of the Executive Committee and matters taken up in recent meetings.
12. Adjournment was at 4:00 PM.

**Present:** W. Abikoff, D. Adler, M. Anania (alt), S. Andrew (alt), R. Aseltine, C. Auer, J. Barnes-Farrell, R. Bass, A. Basu, P. Britner, A. Calabrese, Z. Chi, J. G. Clifford (Moderator), V. Cormier, G. Dunne, J. Enderle (alt), P. Faghri, M-L. Fernandez, C. Heinen, R. Gross, M. K. Hadden, O. Karan, L. Lewis, J. Loss, G. McManus, C. Messier, M. Mina, S. Mollmann, K. Noll, R. Parnas, L. Puddington, A. Seth, J. Settlege, F. Shah, L. Shor, M. Urban, A. Vella, M. Wallace (alt); K. Holsinger (Interim Vice Provost and Dean), C. Lin (Associate Dean), B. Kream (Associate Dean-Health Center), and T. Peters (Program Director)

**Speakers:** Nancy Wallach (*Director, Office of Research Compliance*) and Ryan Sayers (*Techology Specialist, Graduate School*)

Respectfully submitted,

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