

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

MINUTES 5 March 1999

Present: D. Appleby, L. Bennett, T. Buggey, M. Daley, K. Davis, E. Grusin, D. Horgan, D. Lattimore, D. Lee, G. Lewis, E. Rakow, D. Sherrell, D. Tucker, K. Weddle-West, A. Wilks-Penrod

Absent: L. Brinkley, F. Claydon, R. Janikowski (proxy: L. Bennett), C. Langstraat (proxy C. Danehower), W. Smith, D. Wark

Guests: Giri Narasimhan, Gene Plunka, Mary Sue MacNealy

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes of 2/5/99 meeting: E. Rakow pointed out a typo in the minutes of the February meeting. D. Lattimore moved (2nd/M. Daley) that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion was carried.
2. Clarification of English Department PhD requirements: Gene Plunka answered questions raised about the number of credit hours required beyond the master's. L. Bennett suggested inserting the following statement after the first sentence in C.1: *"Master's level courses will be examined on an individual basis for applicability to the program."* K. Weddle-West requested clarification of "low pass" on qualifying exams. D. Horgan requested that "doctoral examinations" be changed throughout to "comprehensive examinations." D. Tucker moved (2d/E. Rakow) that the program description be approved for inclusion in the catalog with the recommended changes. The motion was carried.
3. English department proposal for an MA concentration in Composition Studies: Mary Sue MacNealy presented the proposal, noting that it codifies what is already being taught in the department. No new courses and no new faculty will be required. K. Davis moved (2d/G. Lewis) that the proposal be approved. The motion was carried.
4. History Department proposal for an MA/PhD concentration in Ancient Egyptian History: D. Tucker presented the proposal, noting that it is a repackaging of what is already being done. D. Lattimore endorsed the proposal from the standpoint of the Art Department. G. Lewis requested data on the rise in interest in the subject. E. Grusin noted that the formatting on p. 12 needed repair. D. Lattimore moved (2d/M. Daley) that the proposal be approved. The motion was carried.
5. Math Sciences Department proposal for an MS concentration in Bioinformatics: Giri Narasimhan presented the proposal, noting that no GRE scores are required

- because they are targeting a population that already has higher degrees. He also suggested that a sentence or so should be added giving the advisor some flexibility in setting up individual programs of study in view of the range of backgrounds that students would bring to the program. G. Lewis pointed out the lack of depth in number of major faculty; L. Bennett suggested adding faculty from MMCS and Chemistry. K. Davis noted broad interest in subject among ecologists. This elicited discussion of definition of “bioinformatics.” It was suggested that a statement be added at the beginning that this program deals with sequences at a molecular level. G. Lewis moved (2d/??) that the proposal be approved. The motion was carried with 2 no’s and 2 members abstaining.
6. Delete word “calendar” from time limitations in Section 2: D. Horgan noted that the term “calendar year” has given rise to inconsistencies in figuring expiration dates and suggested deleting it. After some discussion, E. Grusin moved (2d/L. Bennett) that “calendar” be deleted. The motion was carried.
 7. Report of Task Force on Graduate Faculty Status: D. Horgan requested that the Council members study this proposal and poll their constituents and be prepared to discuss and vote on it next meeting. A position for Adjunct Clinicians will be added.
 8. Number of Adjunct Graduate Faculty as voting members of PhD committee: C. Danehower moved (2d/K. Davis) moved that the statement concerning the number of adjunct faculty on a committee be copied from the Faculty Handbook into the Graduate Catalog. The motion was carried.
 9. Ambiguity and inconsistency of credit hour requirements for the PhD: D. Horgan asked that the council look over this information and be aware that this is a major area for clarification in the next catalog.
 10. Graduate Assistantships in Student Affairs and Enrollment Services: Information was distributed.
 11. Enrollment and recruitment trends: Information was distributed.
 12. Charging for the Graduate Bulletin: A. Wilks-Penrod announced that J. Cothorn has given permission to print a cost of \$5.00 on the current Bulletin cover. This will give us leeway in setting up a possible purchase system. The Council will be kept up to date on such a system if and when it goes into effect. M. Daley moved (2d/K. Davis) that the price of \$5.00 be printed on the Bulletin. The motion was approved.
 13. Change in meeting dates in May: N. Hurley brought up the fact that the regularly scheduled meeting for May coincides with commencement and requested that the directors’ meeting be moved back to Monday, 3 May, and that the Council meet on Wednesday, 5 May, at the same times and places as usual. The Council agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.