

Executive Committee
of the
Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

February 15, 2006
Whetten Graduate Center -- Giolas Conference Room
2:00 P.M.

1. The adjourned meeting of 2/1/06 was reconvened at 2:05 P.M. for the purpose of taking up the remaining agenda items. Interim Vice Provost Gregory J. Anderson presided.
2. T. Peters presented a preliminary report on the Graduate School Survey and Degree Program Requirements Database projects. It was agreed that Peters will prepare a full report on findings to date for the 3/15/06 GFC meeting.
3. J. Henkel spoke about the need to develop a unit diversity plan, particularly with respect to the need to establish goals to enhance our diversity.
4. The work to date of the Special Fellowship Committee was discussed. It was noted that there are difficulties in attempting to arrange for tuition waivers in this regard because fellowships are service-free. The committee is seeking the creation of a protected category or status for these fellowship holders. G. Anderson asked that a recommendation be brought to the next meeting for consideration.
5. There was discussion about insurance coverage for individuals engaged in official UConn activities off-campus, including overseas.
6. There was discussion about the Multicultural Scholars Program.
7. It was agreed that continuous registration issues related to international students will be discussed at the next meeting.
8. There was discussion about the graduate-student housing needs.
9. G. Anderson noted that maternity leave for graduate students will be an item for discussion on the agenda for the next meeting.
10. Adjournment was at 2:55 P.M.

Present: D. Cournoyer, D. Lillo-Martin, J. Marsden, E. Pagoulatos, E. Smith, G. Anderson (Interim Vice Provost), J. Henkel (Associate Vice Provost), and T. Peters (Program Director)

Respectfully submitted,

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