

Executive Committee  
of the  
Graduate Faculty Council

**MINUTES**

November 5, 2008  
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room  
3:30 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. Interim Vice President Suman Singha presided.
2. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the October 1, 2008 meeting.
3. There was discussion concerning recently-proposed changes to the Graduate School By-Laws. Copies of the proposed modifications were distributed. S. Singha indicated that he will converse with the President and Provost concerning the proposed modifications.

Following discussion, it was **moved** (W. Abikoff), seconded (E. Schultz), and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to place this on the agenda for discussion at the November 19, 2008 meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council.

4. There was discussion concerning the motion passed at the October 15, 2008 meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council to form an *ad hoc* group to study full-time-only *vis-à-vis* fractional graduate assistantship appointments. It was suggested that the existing Task Force considering the proposal to charge GA tuition to grants take this topic on as well. It was decided, however, to form a separate group. Names of potential members will be collected by J. Henkel. It was agreed that the group's membership should be representative and limited to eight or nine members. The group is to be charged in accordance with the motion passed by the Graduate Faculty Council.
5. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the list of Plans of Study and Dissertation Proposals.
6. The group agreed at its October 1, 2008 meeting that David Cournoyer's many years of service to the Graduate Faculty Council and the Executive Committee should be acknowledged formally. W. Abikoff presented the following resolution for consideration:

**Professor David Cournoyer**

**A resolution of the Executive Committee of the University of Connecticut  
Graduate School**

**Whereas:**

David Cournoyer was, for many years, a member of the Graduate Faculty Council of the University of Connecticut and a member of the Executive Committee of the Graduate School. In both roles, he had a defining presence.

The current goals and excellence of the Graduate School are a reflection of his vision. Not only did he help set the goals of the University's graduate programs but he also taught us, both gently and warmly, how we could effect our own visions.

David has chosen to retire from the university and pursue other interests. We are grateful for his efforts on behalf of the programs of the University of Connecticut. We are

confident that his current interests will be rewarding to him and, as has previously been the case, of great benefit to the community.

**Be it resolved:**

On behalf of the Graduate School of the University of Connecticut, its Executive Committee offers its appreciation to David Cournoyer for his vision of and manifold contributions to the definition of our role and his passionate involvement in the realization of the goals that he helped to set.

Adoption of the resolution was **moved**, seconded and **passed** on a unanimous vote.

It was agreed to present Dr. Cournoyer with a copy of these minutes as well as a plaque.

7. Members considered a request from the Health Center to lift a sanction imposed by the GFC Executive Committee in April 2003 in response to a case of confirmed scientific misconduct on the part of a member of the Graduate Faculty. When initially discussed at the October meeting, members requested a written recommendation from the faculty member's department. That recommendation and others now have been received. L. Klobutcher provided further background.

Following discussion, it was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to lift the sanction.

8. The application from the Department of Educational Leadership to modify the Ed.D. program introduced at the October meeting was considered. J. Henkel provided background information. It was noted that the changes in the program that have been recommended amount to more than 12 credits. There was discussion.

It was **moved** (J. Marsden), seconded (W. Abikoff), and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the application.

9. The application to implement an integrated B.A./M.A. program in Music Education introduced at the October meeting was considered. M. A. Doyle provided background information concerning the proposed dual program. Approximately 15 students would be involved each year. There would be faculty reassignments from Music to Curriculum and Instruction. It was noted that students who have been completing these degree programs have been successful in securing jobs in the field. Members recommended two editorial changes in the application.

Following discussion, it was **moved** (J. Marsden), seconded (E. Schultz), and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the application with the two editorial changes.

10. Members considered a request submitted recently by the Department of Kinesiology to change the name of existing Area of Concentration *Social Science of Sport and Leisure* to *Sport Management*. As a result of discussion, it was agreed to seek input from the Department of Management.

It was **moved** (M. Aindow), seconded (J. G. Clifford), and **passed** on a voice vote to approve the request if the Department of Management has no objection.

11. Members discussed a request from the Department of Allied Health in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) to split the present *Allied Health, Physical Therapy* Graduate Faculty Council voting constituency now that the two departments of the former School of Allied Health have been reassigned to the CANR and to the Neag School of Education respectively. There was discussion. It was agreed to hold the request in abeyance until additional information and a written request specifying the reason(s) for each to have its own representative are available.

12. A proposal to add *Cell Analysis and Modeling* as an Area of Concentration to the Ph.D. Field of Study *Biomedical Science* was received. The proposal will be considered at the next meeting.

13. A proposal to implement a Graduate Certificate Program in *Cognitive Science* was received. The proposal will be considered at the next meeting.
14. It was agreed to call a meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council for November 19, 2008. The proposed Graduate School By-Law changes and the matter of fractional assistantships (see items 3 and 4 above) are to be included on the agenda
15. There was discussion of items of new business, including graduate student concerns. It was suggested that small group of involved graduate students be invited to a future meeting. It also was recommended that Jean Main, Director of Student Financial Aid, be invited to a meeting in the near future to discuss anticipated summer aid for graduate students.
16. W. Abikoff, the VPRGE representative to the Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology (FACT), updated the group concerning two developments – encryption for all UConn machines and the requirement that software vendors now have to meet certain human rights criteria.
17. Adjournment was at 5:28 PM.

*Present:* W. Abikoff, M. Aindow, A. Albert, J. Barnes-Farrell, J. G. Clifford, S. De Guise, M. A. Doyle, J. Marsden, E. Schultz, S. Singha (*Interim Vice President*), J. Henkel (*Associate Vice Provost*), L. Klobutcher (*Associate Dean*), and T. Peters (*Program Director*)

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas B. Peters*

Program Director