

Executive Committee  
of the  
Graduate Faculty Council (GEC)

MINUTES  
December 13, 2004  
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room  
2:00PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 P.M.
2. It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent to approve as distributed the minutes of the 10/08/2004 meeting.
3. It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent to approve the Doctoral Plans of Study and Dissertation Proposals.
4. Gerry Maxwell led the discussion on the interaction between the two entities in the combined PhD – MBA program. It is extremely important that students in the dual MBA - PhD in Biomedical Science Program that they must complete both programs before being awarded a degree from either program if they are to benefit from the exchange of credits between the Graduate School and the School of Business. Motion was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the combined MBA – PhD in Biomedical Science Program. However, G. Maxwell is to work with J. Henkel to provide State Higher Education Committee with complete documentation.
5. Motion was moved, seconded, and passed to: change the name of the graduate area of concentration "Electromagnetics and Physical Electronics" (*Field of Study: Electrical Engineering*) to "Electronics and Photonics;"  
  
to change the name of the graduate area of concentration "Control and Communication and Systems" (*Field of Study: Electrical Engineering*) to "Information, Communication, and Decision Systems;" and  
  
to delete the graduate area of concentration "Fluid Dynamics" (*Field of Study: Electrical Engineering*) from the field of study.
6. Discussion was conducted on the pros and cons of a proposal to recoup the tuition of research assistants from grants. Motion was moved, seconded and passed with seven (7) in favor and two (2) opposed to table a proposal to notify the President that graduate tuition on grants was not popular with faculty. The Graduate Faculty Council Executive Committee wants to be part of the solution to this issue.
7. The Graduate Faculty Council Executive Committee formed a subcommittee to review 20 proposals for recruiting U.S. graduate students, particularly minorities. The subcommittee looked for:
  - ❖ Creative, feasible ideas
  - ❖ Examples that reflected different models for improving recruitment of U.S. graduate students, including minorities

❖ Representative projects from each division

The Principal Investigator's (PI's) of the funded projects are expected to report the results and assess the impact of their projects (1-2 pages) by August 15, 2005 to Janet Greger and the Graduate Faculty Council Executive Committee. They will also be asked to participate in the Graduate Faculty Council meeting in September or October 2005. The following are the projects that were funded:

1. PI's: Kevin D. Murphy and Ranga Pitchumani  
Recruitment of Under-Represented Groups for Graduate Studies in Mechanical Engineering                      *Awarded \$9,000*
  2. PI: Emilie Hoglebe  
Proposal for the Recruitment of High Quality Domestic/Minority Graduate Students to the Chemistry Program Academic Year 2005 – 2006                      *Awarded \$8,000*
  3. PI's: Professor John Silander and Co-PI Professor Linda Strausbaugh  
Biodiversity Science as a Framework for Recruiting Domestic Graduate Students  
*Awarded \$8,000*
  4. PI: Gerald Dunne  
Proposal for Recruiting U.S. Graduate Students in PHYSICS at UConn  
*Awarded \$6,000*
  5. PI: Lynn Kuo  
Proposal for Pilot Program Support for Recruiting U.S. Graduate Students to Statistics Department                      *Awarded \$5,500*
  6. PI: David Alan Stern  
Recruitment Program fro U.S. MFA Prospects in Acting Spring 2005 Production Visits to the Connecticut Repertory Theatre                      *Awarded \$5,000*
  7. PI's: Garry Clifford – Political Science, Mark Boyer – Political Science, Cyrus Zirakzadeh – Political Science, Nancy Naples – Sociology, Davita Silfen Glasberg – Sociology  
Proposal for a Collaborative Political Science and Sociology Graduate-Student Recruitment Day                      *Awarded \$3,200*
  8. PI: Lawrence Silbart  
Departments of Animal Science/Pathobiology & Veterinary Science Proposal for Recruiting U.S. Graduate Students – 2004                      *Awarded \$2,500*
  9. PI: Michael P. Alfano  
Teacher Certification Program for College Graduates Pilot Program for Recruiting U.S. Minority Graduate Students                      *Awarded \$2,500*
8. The following agenda items will be discussed at the January 24, 2005 meeting:
- ❖ Master of Professional Studies (MPS) oversight committee
  - ❖ The reopening a discussion on faculty's ability to have a student dismissed from the class who is auditing but does not show up for classes.
9. Adjournment was at 4:10 PM.

Present: G. Anderson, J.G. Clifford, D. Cournoyer D. Herzberger, D. Lillo-Martin, J. Marsden, G. Maxwell, E. Pagoulatos, E. Smith, L. Strausbaug, J. Henkel, J.L. Greger

Respectfully submitted,

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