

# GRADUATE FACULTY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

March 30, 1989

United Nations Room, 2:00 P.M.

1. The first meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council was called to order at 2:04 P.M. Dean T. Giolas presided.
2. T. Giolas addressed in his introductory remarks the scope of the Council's responsibilities and the mission of The Graduate School. All matters related to graduate education and research throughout the University are within the charge of the Graduate Faculty Council. The research mission distinguishes The University of Connecticut among the public institutions in the State. Specifically, the two main aspects of The Graduate School's mission are: (a) to serve as an advocate for graduate education and research on the University's campuses, and (b) to preserve and to improve the educational and the research environment for faculty and graduate students. A "UConn Graduate School Fact Sheet" and a recently-printed Graduate School brochure were distributed. The administrative and organizational structure of The Graduate School was outlined.
3. Associate Dean J. Henkel described the evolution of the recently adopted Graduate School By-Laws.
4. T. Giolas briefly presented the functions of the Graduate Faculty Council. He prefaced his remarks by noting that The University of Connecticut Research Foundation is not within the purview of the Council. The Foundation was established by State statute and has its own administrative structure. Among specific Council functions included in the By-Laws, the following were noted: (a) approval of graduate level courses; (b) review of Graduate Faculty appointments; (c) program evaluation; (d) standing committees including Admissions, Curricula and Courses, and Faculty Standards; and (e) creation of ad hoc committees as necessary. Topics requiring study include the numerous and various sources of graduate student support as well as the growing emphasis on international affairs, particularly as evidenced by the search presently underway.
5. T. Giolas noted that T. Peters had been asked to serve as secretary pro tem.
6. A general discussion of concerns and issues highlighted many areas for further study: (a) financial support for graduate students, including maximizing flexibility in the face of likely State rescission, (b) limitation presently in force regarding the level and number of undergraduate credits that can be included in a plan

of study for a graduate degree, and (c) review of graduate faculty appointments.

7. There was a call from the floor to move ahead with committee formation. Discussion centered on the election by the Council of members to serve on the Executive Committee (five members to be elected by the Council from its membership; four members to be appointed from the Council's membership or from the Graduate Faculty at large by the Dean of the Graduate School).

P. Rosenberg moved that Council members interested in serving on the Executive Committee should express their interest and thereby place their name in nomination. The motion was seconded by R. Coons. F. Carstensen suggested that interested individuals provide a half-page position statement which addresses the significant issues to be considered prior to the election. This suggestion was incorporated into the motion by consensus. Discussion ensued. The period of service for those elected to the Executive Committee will be one year. The question was called. The motion passed on a hand vote. There was one negative vote and one abstention.

It was agreed that Council members absent from the meeting would be notified of this action.

8. C. Norgaard recommended that a piece of paper be circulated on which members could indicate their interest in serving on the Executive Committee or on the standing committees (Admissions, Curricula and Courses, and Faculty Standards). This was done.
9. C. Zirakzadeh moved and F. Carstensen seconded the creation of three ad hoc committees: (a) Research Support, (b) Graduate Student Support, and (c) International Affairs. A fourth, (d) Recruitment, was suggested by L. Strausbaugh and added by consensus to the motion. There was discussion. The motion passed on a unanimous hand vote.
10. J. Henkel moved the following:

AUTHORIZATION TO CONFER GRADUATE DEGREES --

It is recommended that the degrees of Master of Arts, Master of Business Administration, Master of Dental Science, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Music, Master of Public Affairs, Master of Public Health, Master of Science, Master of Social Work, and Doctor of Philosophy be conferred upon those candidates who have satisfied all requirements and have been duly certified by The Graduate School for award of said degrees throughout the conferral periods ending May 21, 1989, August 31, 1989, and December 31, 1989.

The motion was seconded and it passed on a unanimous voice vote.

11. Adjournment was moved, seconded, and passed on a standing vote at 3:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas B. Peters  
Secretary pro tem

THOSE PRESENT:

Councillors

A. Abramson	D. Herzberger	R. Peterson
L. Allen	A. Hiskes	T. Roberts
W. Berentsen	N. Katter	P. Rosenberg
S. Biggs	J. Koberstein	R. B. Rutherford
F. Bohlen	B. Koeppen	R. Sabatelli
F. Carstensen	E. Kollar	R. A. Shaw
W. Chapple	L. Langston	T. Sheehan
R. Coons	M. Lerman	J. Smith
K. Creasy	B. Lovell	L. Strausbaugh
P. Douglas	A. Lurie	J. Thibodeau
R. Duffy	A. McEvily	F. Trainor
G. Epling	R. Miller	J. Wilkie
G. Frantz	R. Milvae	P. Willett
N. Gray	C. Norgaard	T. Yang
S. Greenspan	E. Pagoulatos	C. Zirakzadeh
C. Havens	W. Parker	

Graduate School

T. Giolas  
J. Henkel  
E. Sellers  
T. Peters