

Executive Committee
of the
Graduate Faculty Council (GEC)

MINUTES
January 31, 2005
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room
1:00PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M.
2. It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent to approve as distributed the minutes of the 12/13/2004 meeting.
3. It was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent to approve the Doctoral Plans of Study and Dissertation Proposals.
4. The GEC reviewed the NSF Institution Profile from the Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2003 and how the University of Connecticut compared to other universities. The Committee noted that the percent of doctoral students graduating from UConn without debt was 10 points above the nationwide average. All agreed that this fact should be promoted in the recruitment of doctoral students.
5. The GEC received the Master of Professional Studies (MPS) Oversight Committee Minutes of the meeting held on 10/14/2004. Discussion centered on the decision of the oversight committee to eliminate the residency component of the MPS programs. The belief was that the residency component was an important part of the program.

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously:

No recommended changes in requirements of MPS will be considered until after the 2-year probationary period is over. The GEC wants to make a final decision after an assessment of the programs' graduates can be done. The GEC reminds the MPS Oversight Committee that suggested changes must reflect the vote of all members of the advisory committee, not just those present. If necessary, ballots may be done by mail.

6. The Master of Professional Studies (MPS) proposal to add a Field of Study of Homeland Security Leadership was discussed. The Naval Post Graduate School already has this program and has established an extensive curriculum, which they will share with the University of Connecticut. They would like to establish a partnership not only with the University of Connecticut, but also with several other leading institutions. The acceptance of this proposal will contribute to potential research partnerships and bring a unique program of higher education to UConn.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve on academic merit the Master of Professional Studies in the Field of Study of Homeland Security Leadership contingent on the following changes:

- ❖ An Oversight Committee, reporting to the GEC, be established;
- ❖ 60% of the Oversight Committee must be from outside the College of Continuing Studies;

- ❖ The MPS in the Field of Study of Homeland Security Leaders will have a 5 year probation period;
- ❖ GEC will expect an annual Report for each of those 5 years on this field of study;
- ❖ As already established, 50% of the courses in this field of study must be fully developed and already have been offered or piloted through existing academic departments or non-departmentalized schools or colleges. In this case we will consider these courses developed by the Naval Postgraduate School to be pre-existing.

7. A presentation on the MPS development of the programs, particularly this one, would make a good program for the next Graduate Faculty Council meeting.
8. GEC would also like to create a policy; that for new graduate programs to be approved they must have an advisory committee established. UPDATE: This needs to be discussed and voted on at the next GEC meeting.
9. The following agenda items will be discussed at the March 21, 2005 GEC meeting:
 - ❖ Reopen a discussion on faculty's ability to have a student dismissed from the class who is auditing but does not show up for classes.
 - ❖ Creating a policy; that for new graduate programs to be approved they must have an advisory committee
10. Adjournment was at 2:40 PM.

Present: G. Anderson, J.G. Clifford, D. Herzberger, D. Lillo-Martin, E. Pagoulatos, L. Strausbaugh, J. Henkel, J.L. Greger

Respectfully submitted,

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