

Executive Committee  
of the  
Graduate Faculty Council (GEC)

MINUTES  
June 8, 2005  
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room  
9:00 A.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M.
2. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the 4/25/2005 meeting.
3. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the Doctoral Plans of Study and Dissertation Proposals.
4. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the revised Dissertation Proposal for the Ph.D. Degree form with the understanding that the department should maintain some sort of record that shows the disposition of the reviewers but maintains their anonymity if that has been promised.
5. Krista Rodin – Dean of the College for Continuing Studies, Abdou Ndoye – Humanitarian Services Administration, Mark Sullivan – Human Resource Management, Anthony Joseph – Occupational Safety and Health Management, Rodney Allen - Humanitarian Services Administration presented the issues and challenges that contributed to the request to reconsider the Masters of Professional Studies (MPS) Advisory Committee request to modify the residency requirement in the MPS degree.

GEC discussed the issue and moved, seconded, and pass unanimously the following motion: The residency requirement should be maintained through the 5-year review cycle because it has real education significance. However a broader range of options to meet the educational residency requirements should be developed. GEC looks forward to seeing these options before they are presented to the Department of Higher Education in the fall to obtain further accreditation for the MPS programs.

GEC noted that no one has graduated from the MPS program yet; hence the residency was untested. The Department of Higher Education approved the program with a residency component. The GEC thought the residency was important but should be developed creatively and could vary with the degree option. These might be points to consider: the length of residency, the location of the face-to-face meeting, and the nature (small group or one on one) of the residency. A credit could be attached to the residency.

6. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that the University of Connecticut English Proficiency Policy be reaffirmed not only for regular academic programs but required for summer programs as well.
7. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the request of the Department of Natural Resources Management and Engineering to make the NRME 450 (Teaching Practicum) a S/U grading course.
8. It was moved, seconded and passed with 6 in favor and 1 abstaining to approve the name change from "Genetics" to Genetics and Genomics"
9. The NRC will proceed with its survey of doctoral programs beginning in the spring of 2006. GEC plans to continue to prepare for the NRC Survey.

10. GEC discussed what research topics graduate students should have training on. NRC will be looking for this particular topic in their survey.
- Educational theory
  - Oral Communications
  - Informatics (data handling)
  - Federal regulations and research ethics
  - Grantsmanship, including electronic submission of grants
  - Job Preparation (CV, interviews)
  - Dealing with the public, i.e. communicating technical information to non-technical audiences such as is done in GRAD 300.
11. The Graduate Faculty Council Executive Committee passed a motion unanimously to express their gratitude to Janet Greger for her outstanding leadership as Dean of the Graduate School.

Present: J.G. Clifford, D. Cournoyer, D. Lillo-Martin, J. Marsden, E. Smith, L. Strausbaugh, G. Maxwell, J. Henkel, J.L. Greger

Absent: G. Anderson, E. Pagoulatos

Guest: K. Rodin, A. Ndoye, M. Sullivan, A. Joseph, R. Allen

Respectfully submitted,

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