

Executive Committee  
of the  
Graduate Faculty Council

**MINUTES**

May 6, 2009  
Whetten Graduate Center – Giolas Conference Room  
3:00 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:08 P.M. 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 meeting of April 1, 2009.
3. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve the list of Plans of Study and Dissertation Proposals.
4. The group received a proposal to implement a Graduate Certificate Program in *Positive Behavior Support*, which will be considered at the next meeting. It was agreed that additional information will requested concerning the need for such a certificate program.
5. **New Business --**  
There was discussion concerning the following:
  - Appropriate steps to take to address proposed modifications to the academic calendar
  - Invite Jean Main to meetings once or twice each year for updates concerning developments in financial aid and for general discussion
  - The newest iteration of the University By-Laws
  - The ongoing work of the committee currently reviewing the functioning of the Graduate School
  - The work of the group that currently is assessing the effectiveness and productivity of graduate degree programs
  - The possibility of developing a listserv so that members of the Graduate Faculty Council can communicate among themselves
6. It was agreed not to call a meeting of the Graduate Faculty Council for May 20, 2009.
7. Adjournment was at 4:50 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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