

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes: May 11, 2001

Whetten Graduate Center - Giolas Conference Room
2:15 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:20 P.M. Interim Vice Provost Ian C. Hart presided.
2. G. Anderson noted that the Committee has had a productive year and that he has enjoyed working its members.
3. The minutes of the April 20, 2001 meeting were considered. It was agreed to add the following sentence to item 2:
"The Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Research, at his discretion, may choose to advise the Chancellor of the Committee's concerns." It was moved (L. Strausbaugh), seconded (G. Epling), and passed without dissent on a voice vote to approve the minutes of the meeting of 4-20-2001 as modified.
4. It was moved (G. Anderson), seconded (J. Marsden), and passed without dissent on a voice vote to approve the list of Plans of Study and Dissertation Proposals. A correction was noted in the spelling of William Stanley's name in the list of Dissertation Proposals,
5. Krista Rodin, Dean of the College of Continuing Studies (CCS), and Mark Sullivan, Associate Professor and Director in the College of Continuing Studies, were introduced. They were present to discuss with Committee members the three new-course proposals from the CCS that were considered initially at the 3-9-2001 meeting. The titles of the proposed three-credit courses are: Seminar on Complex Humanitarian Emergencies, Applied Organizational Management, and Issues in Humanitarian Studies.

Rodin explained that the courses are designed to be part of a Certificate program in Humanitarian Studies. The long-term plan includes the implementation of additional Certificate Programs and a Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.) degree program as well. These offerings would be significantly Web-based with opportunities for on-campus face-to-face contact. Rodin and Sullivan noted that other schools, colleges, and academic departments have agreed to offer courses that would be needed for these and other programs that the CCS plans to propose. About 40% of the instruction would be offered by CCS faculty.

The plan is for the M.P.S. (once approved) to require 33 - 36 credits. There was discussion about the need to maintain

program quality, about on-line versus face-to-face instruction, and about criteria for appointment to the Graduate Faculty.

There was discussion after Rodin and Sullivan left the room. Two concerns emerged: (1) that presentations in courses be supervised very carefully and closely via distance technology; and (2) that approval of courses would not carry with it any assurance of subsequent approval of certificate or degree programs.

With the two caveats noted above, it was moved and seconded to approve the three proposed courses. The motion passed by a vote of five in favor, none opposed, and three abstentions.

6. A revised proposal from the A. J. Pappanikou Center for Disability Studies to offer a graduate Certificate Program in Assistive Technology for Education was considered and discussed following a successful motion to remove the matter from the table. The original proposal was considered at the 4-20-2001 meeting.

Following discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the revised proposal.

7. A proposal from the Department of Educational Psychology to implement a graduate Certificate Program in Educational Technology for Teachers was considered and discussed.

Following discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed without dissent on a voice vote to approve the proposal.

8. It was agreed to reschedule the discussion of mechanism(s) to establish the institution's research priorities.
9. It was agreed to hold a meeting on 6-8-2001.
10. There was an update on the Visiting Scholars matter. The Graduate School is seeking from departments and programs information about the need to reserve accommodations for the future. The information will be passed on to Residential Life.
11. Adjournment was at 4:15 P.M

Present:

- Anderson, G.
- Epling, G.
- Faghri, P.
- Hart, I. (Interim Vice Provost)
- Herzberger, D.

- Maresh, C.
- Marsden, J.
- Pagoulatos, E.
- Peters, T. (Assistant Dean)
- Strausbaugh, L.

Regrets:

- Carmichael, G.
- Maxwell, G.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Peters
Secretary