

Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

February 15, 2006

Whetten Graduate Center, Room 200

3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M. Interim Vice Provost Gregory J. Anderson presided.
2. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2005.
3. G. Anderson and J. Henkel spoke briefly about admission trends and program rankings, noting the importance of graduate education and research in terms of the institution's overall reputation.
4. G. Anderson spoke about developing unit diversity plans.
5. An election was held to fill one seat on the Graduate Faculty Council's Executive Committee. William Abikoff (Mathematics) and Philip Streifer (Educational Leadership) were nominated. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** to close nominations. Abikoff was elected to a three-year term by paper ballot.
6. G. Anderson introduced Rachel Rubin from the Office of Audit, Compliance, and Ethics who spoke about the process to date in the drafting of institutional ethics and code of conduct statements. Rubin explained that she is UConn's State ethics liaison and resource person. In this capacity, she has both facilitator and investigative roles.

She fielded questions from the floor on a variety of topics, including: intellectual property and patents, distinguishing one's professional reputation from one's official UConn position in terms of accepting honoraria and travel reimbursement for speaking engagements and the like, "whistle-blower" status, the importance of assuring academic freedom, the fact that the UConn Foundation as a private entity is not within the purview of the documents being drafted, and other related matters.

The group thanked Rubin for her presentation and her responses to questions.

7. G. Anderson noted that graduate student housing and maternity leave will be future discussion topics for the Executive Committee.
8. J. Henkel updated the group on preparations for the upcoming National Research Council (NRC) assessments of doctoral programs. He explained that the mapping of faculty members to the various NRC disciplinary groups is to be based on service as Major Advisor or Associate Advisor to at least one doctoral student in the past five years and that a program must have graduated at least five doctorates in the past five years to be ranked. A single faculty member may be listed in not more than three NRC disciplinary groups. That faculty member's publications and grants will be apportioned across the NRC groups in which a faculty member is listed. Assistant professors will be included automatically. Faculty who left UConn during the five-year period to go to another institution will be counted only at the other institution. Emeriti who have served on doctoral student committees in the past five years can count here as long as they are not counted somewhere else.
9. Adjournment was at 4:54 PM.

Present: W. Abikoff, L. Achenie, A. Albert, J. Barnes-Farrell, M. Bernstein, T. Blank, D. Cournoyer, S. De Guise, J. Dovidio, V. Duffy, G. Dunne, W. Glenn (alt.), E.J. Gubbins (alt.), C. Kwak (alt.), D. Lillo-Martin, J. Madaus, C. Maresh, J. Marsden, R. McAvoy, W. Mohler, F. Nichols, E. Pagoulatos, C. Schlichting (alt.) L. Silbart, E. Smith, P. Streifer, G. Taylor, J. Troyer, C. VanLear (alt.), A. Vias, R. Walinkonis, S. Winter, G. Anderson (Interim Vice Provost), J. Henkel (Associate Vice Provost), and T. Peters (Program Director)

Speaker: Rachel Rubin

Regrets: A. Basu and A. Engler

Respectfully submitted,

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