

Graduate Faculty Council

MINUTES

April 19, 2006
Whetten Graduate Center, Room 200
3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M. by Associate Vice Provost James G. Henkel.
2. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2006.
3. The following resolution was introduced:

AUTHORIZATION TO CONFER GRADUATE DEGREES --

It is recommended that the degrees of Master of Arts, Master of Business Administration, Master of Dental Science, Master of Engineering, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Music, Master of Professional Studies, Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Health, Master of Science, Master of Social Work, Doctor of Audiology, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Musical Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy be conferred upon those candidates who have satisfied all requirements and have been duly certified by the Graduate School for award of said degrees throughout the conferral periods ending in May, August, and December 2006.

It was **moved** and seconded to adopt the resolution. The motion **passed** unanimously.

4. J. Henkel updated the Council concerning the ongoing preparations for the upcoming NRC Assessments of Doctoral Programs. Among the several topics discussed were several recent developments in terms of the disciplines to be included in the assessments. Several handouts were distributed.
5. Ilze Krisst, Assistant Vice Provost for Research, spoke about research ethics and compliance. Specifically, Krisst spoke about the work of the Curriculum and Training Committee, a University-wide group charged with developing procedures and a training curriculum for staff and faculty who work directly with externally-funded grants. She noted that the group is drafting an explanatory statement to be sent to faculty and that an acceptable timetable must be in place by July 1.
6. J. Henkel spoke briefly about the new course *Responsible Conduct in Research* (GRAD 310). The syllabus was discussed. It was noted that sections of the course are planned which are appropriate for the humanities, the sciences, and the social sciences. Henkel noted that instructors are needed and that interested faculty members should contact him.
7. T. Peters updated the Council on progress to implement a Web-based database concerning graduate Field of Study best practices and degree requirements. He noted that a large volume of data has been collected from department and program heads and that work will continue over the summer months to refine the data and to post it on the Web. Peters noted that the plan is to expand the database over time and to maintain it on a permanent basis.
8. G. Anderson spoke on several topics including new teleconferencing capabilities, the need for additional on-campus housing for graduate students, and matters pertaining to emeritus-faculty status.
9. G. Anderson introduced John DeWolf, a representative from the University Senate, who was present to update the Council on the recent work of the University Senate in areas of mutual interest to the Council, including: graduate student housing needs, plagiarism and academic integrity issues, PTR, the review of the proposed Code of Ethics, the IT Strategic Planning Initiative, and reports from the President and Provost.
10. It was noted that graduate course renumbering lists are needed from all departments and programs by May 1.
11. Adjournment was at 4:25 P.M.

Present: W. Abikoff, C. Auer (*alt*), J. Barnes-Farrell, A. Basu, M. Bernstein, T. Blank, R. Bogner (*alt*), H. Brody, J. G. Clifford, D. Cournoyer, S. De Guise, J. Dovidio, M-L. Fernandez, D. Heffley (*alt*), T. Kehle, J. Madaus, J. Marsden, S. Roe, M. Rudnicki, E. Schultz, A. Shvartsman, L. Silbart, E. Smith, W. Smith (*alt*), C. Teschke (*alt*), T. Torgersen, A. Vias, Y. Wang, S. Winter, G. Anderson (*Vice Provost*), J. Henkel (*Associate Vice Provost*), and T. Peters (*Program Director*)

Regrets: V. Duffy, W. Mohler, P. Streifer

Speakers: John DeWolf, *University Senate Representative*
Ilze Krisst, *Assistant Vice Provost for Research*

Respectfully submitted,

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Program Director