

# Graduate Faculty Council

## *MINUTES*

October 20, 2010

Hugh Clark Meeting Room -- Whetten Graduate Center, Room 200  
3:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:06 P.M. Moderator J. Garry Clifford presided.
2. It was **moved**, seconded, and **passed** without dissent on a voice vote to approve as distributed the minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2010.
3. R. Colon reported for the Graduate Student Senate (GSS). He noted the following: the GSS Executive Board is now fully staffed, Colon is serving as a member of the Presidential Search Committee, the planned availability of apartments to graduate students in the Mansfield Downtown Partnership facilities to be built, the involvement of the GSS in the review of Spring Weekend activities, the hope of GSS to increase their emergency loan fund to \$1,000, and the future outsourcing of the student e-mail system which will result in the "retirement" of Husky Mail.
4. There was discussion concerning the formation of the eight standing committees of the GFC approved at the September meeting. The eight committees as approved comprise Admission and Recruitment, Curricula and Courses, Diversity, Faculty Standards, Graduate Student Support, Infrastructure, International Affairs, and Research Support. It was noted that the Graduate School By-Laws need to be modified to reflect the new Graduate Education organizational structure. C. Parks asked about providing for electronic interactivity so members at the regional campuses and the Health Center could participate more fully in meetings and other activities. J. Linnekin noted that committee charges would be useful in terms of having members volunteer for standing committee service.

R. Gross **moved** that the GFC Executive Committee charge the Committee on Committees to draft charges for the newly-approved standing committees. The motion was seconded (R. Bogner) and it was discussed. It was agreed that Gross will join the Committee on Committees, which will pursue this work within the next two months or so. The motion **passed** without dissent on a voice vote.

5. W. Abikoff reported on behalf of the GFC Executive Committee. He noted that the group recently has discussed topics such as international exchange MOUs, the work of the Committee on Committees, By-Laws, how the University can better serve Postdocs, and the NRC report among others.
6. L. Aggison updated the group concerning the following: Postdoc meetings; electronic submission of master's theses; Graduate School policies and procedures draft documents; holding graduate student and faculty focus groups; data security matters; and addressing errors, mistakes, and misunderstandings in the recently released NRC report.
7. New Business --
  - \* T. J. Peters thanked members for their support of the resolution passed at the September meeting concerning sabbaticals.
  - \* J. Linnekin expressed reservations concerning some of the provisions of the Graduate Faculty reappointment process and it was agreed that the GFC would revisit this matter at a future meeting.
8. C. Lin called attention to the Fellowship Fair to take place in the Student Union on November 15, 2010. The Graduate School will be participating.
9. Adjournment was at 4:45 PM.

**Present:** W. Abikoff, W. Bailey, J. Barnes-Farrell, T. Blank, R. Bogner, J. G. Clifford (Moderator), R. Colon, G. Dunne, M-L. Fernandez, D. Gregorio, R. Gross, T. Kehle, L. Lewis, J. Linnekin, J. Loss, J. Marsden, G. McManus (alt), C. Parks, T. J. Peters, B. Purkayastha, F. Shah, Y. Sharvit (alt), C. A. VanLear, K. Venkitanarayanan; S. Nunnally (Executive Committee); and L. Aggison (Interim Vice Provost and Dean), C. Lin (Associate Dean), T. B. Peters (Program Director)

Respectfully submitted,  
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