



Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 @ 3:04 pm to 4:38 pm

Location: Giolas Conference Room

Subject: Executive Committee of The Graduate Faculty Council (Committee) Meeting Minutes Summary

Attendees: Richard Bass, Victoria Blodgett (Ex Officio), Jane Gordon, Kent Holsinger (Ex Officio, Chair), Kelly Jones, (Ex Officio, Secretary), Barbara Kream (Ex Officio), Joseph Loturco, Etan Markus, Shayla Nunnally, Lynn Puddington and Janet Watson

Absent: Sylvain Deguise and Kelly Dennis

1. Agenda item number one (1) – *Call to order* by Kent Holsinger at 3:04.
2. Agenda item number two (2) – *Welcome Back* by Kent Holsinger.
3. Agenda item number three (3) – *Introduction of Victoria Blodgett and Jane Gordon* by Kent Holsinger. Kent provided a brief overview of Victoria’s credentials and some of the items she has already encouraged The Graduate School to engage. Kent informed the Committee that Jane was appointed as a new member. A short introduction by all Committee members was provided in return.
4. Agenda item number four (4) – *Approval of minutes of the meeting of April 30, 2014* by Kent Holsinger. The item was **postponed until the October 29, 2014 meeting.**
5. Agenda item number five (5) – *Gary’s Contribution* by Kent Holsinger. Discussion ensued and Jane Gordon will contact the Student Union regarding a film service series that will be sponsored by The Graduate School. Jane will provide the committee with an update at the next meeting on October 29, 2014.
6. Agenda item number six (6) – *The Graduate School’s 75th Celebration* by Kent Holsinger. Kent invited all members of the Committee to attend The Graduate School’s 75th Anniversary celebration on October 2, 2014 from 1:00 to 3:00.
7. Agenda item number seven (7) – *Ed Marth Award* by Kent Holsinger. Kent reminded the Committee that nominations for the Ed Marth Award were due to Kelly Jones by October 31, 2014. Faculty at any University of Connecticut campus may be nominated for the award. To be eligible for the award nominees must: (a) be current members of the Graduate Faculty of the University of Connecticut, (b) have served as a member of the Graduate Faculty for at least 10 years, and (c) be current members of the AAUP UConn Chapter. Prior recipients of the award are not eligible.
8. Agenda item number eight (8) – *Presented for voting – A proposal for an Early Childhood Education Certificate – Educational Psychology – Neag School of Education* **postponed until the October 29, 2014 meeting.**
9. Agenda item number nine (9) – *New Business* by Kent Holsinger. Kent discussed the need for the Committee to evaluate and provide feedback on the current Bylaws, Predoctoral Fellowship Allocations, Graduate Faculty Council Status and the possible need for a third “sub” committee. Discussion ensued regarding what it meant to be a Graduate Faculty member, who can be on the committee, tenure vs. non-tenure status and voting shares vs. non-voting shares. A majority of the Committee agreed that The Graduate School should “ask members if they still want to be” a member or “opt-in” as it is done at UCHC.
10. Agenda item number ten (10) – *Updates and Announcements* by Kent Holsinger. It was mentioned that the current rescission is effecting the number of TAs a department can make

offers to. Discussion ensued on how faculty can get a fixed budget for graduate support, what degree is research being supported, the cost of research is increasing while departments' budget are decreasing thus departments cannot compete for quality graduate students and the possibility of getting service free/merit based fellowships. It was agreed that "Save Graduate Education" will be added to future agendas.

11. The next meeting of the Graduate Faculty Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2014.
12. The meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm with 11 individuals in attendance.