

Minutes of Graduate Faculty Meeting October 2, 2000

Chairman Don Madison called the meeting to order in the Carver Turner Room, UCE, at 3:30 PM. There were four items on the agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes of June 5, 2000 meeting
2. Posthumous MS degree for Haiying Huang (Wunsch).
3. Graduate credit for students enrolled in the Applied Language Institute (Madison).
4. Graduate Student Health Insurance (Gajda)

1. Don Madison informed the members that the minutes of June 5, 2000 meeting were distributed electronically earlier and the same have been posted on the www. Hearing no corrections, a motion to accept the minutes was moved by Walt Gajda and seconded by Nick Tsoulfanidis.

Motion passed unanimously.

Don Madison asked for volunteers and/or nomination to serve on the following two committees: Personnel and Membership. There were no volunteers or nominations from the floor.

2. A motion to approve MS degree to Haiying Huang posthumously was made by Paul Stigall and seconded by Nick Tsoulfanidis. Motion was passed unanimously.

3. Don Madison distributed a 1-page document prepared by Gene Campos of the International Affairs Office. The document states as its objective "To develop and implement a mechanism enabling qualified graduate students who are enrolled in UMR Intensive English Program (IEP) to satisfy English language proficiency admission requirements and who are enrolled in less than nine academic credits to receive at least 0.25 GRA." To achieve this objective, the Graduate Faculty was asked to pass the following multi-part resolution. IEP classes would become part of the University non-credit course offerings: IEP classes would be listed in UMR's catalog. IEP classes would appear as non-credit courses on the student's transcript. IEP classes would be listed in each semester's Schedule of Classes. Departments will establish the ratio of IEP classroom/academic credit hours as contributing to student's 9-hour enrollment requirement.

After an extended discussion, Michael Schulz moved to adopt the proposal outlined in the Campos document subject to the curriculum committee approving that the intensive English courses will be listed in the UMR catalogue. The motion was seconded by Nick Tsoulfanidis. The motion passed.

4. Vice Chancellor Gajda shared information on graduate student health insurance program currently in place at UMC. Up to 25% of the Health Insurance Premium for graduate students on 0.5 FTE appointment is now paid by UMC. The three Associate Deans (for Graduate Studies) feel that to be competitive in graduate student recruitment, UMR needs to consider subsidizing graduate student health insurance premium. Vice Chancellor Gajda will study cost implications and explore possible sources of funding.

**The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM. Respectfully submitted By Lokesh R. Dharani,
Secretary, Graduate Faculty**