

Meeting of the Graduate Faculty

The spring 2007 graduate faculty meeting was convened at 3:00 pm on April 30, 2007 in the Turner room of the Havener center. A list of the proposed graduate degree and graduate certificate recipients was read from the list provided by the registrar's office. No changes were requested and Prof. Van Aken moved to approve the list of graduate degree and certificate recipients as distributed by the registrar's office. The motion was seconded by Prof. Matt O'Keefe and unanimously approved. The registrar, Laura Stoll, reminded everyone that the graduate degree and certificate recipients would have a separate commencement ceremony at 3 pm in Leach Theater.

Prof. Genda Chen introduced a motion that "At least 75% of the coursework for a doctoral degree, as listed on graduate form VI, must be completed before the scheduled date of the comprehensive exam." Prof. O'Keefe seconded the motion. It was noted that the current rules require 100% of the coursework listed on graduate form VI to be completed prior to the comprehensive exam. Therefore, passing the motion would not affect the prerogative of individual departments to continue requiring completion of 100% of the coursework prior to the date of the comprehensive exam. After a short discussion the motion was approved on a vote of 10-0.

All of the current graduate faculty officers expressed a willingness to continue. No other nominations were submitted either by email or from the floor. It was therefore moved to accept the current officers by acclamation. The motion was approved by a vote 8 in favor with 2 abstentions. Therefore the chairman, parliamentarian, and secretary of the graduate faculty for the 2007-2008 academic year will be Richard DuBroff, Matt O'Keefe, and Joe Newkirk respectively.

Under new business, the chairman of the graduate faculty mentioned the need to revise the existing graduate faculty rules in light of the new administrative structure. Profs. Mark Fitch, David Van Aken agreed to work with the current graduate faculty officers to draft the necessary changes to the current language of the graduate faculty regulations.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard E. DuBroff