

Minutes of Graduate Faculty Meeting held on December 4, 2000

Chairman Don Madison called the meeting to order in the Mark Twain Room, UCE, at 3:30 PM.

There were five items on the agenda:

1. Graduate Student Health Insurance (Gajda)
2. Stipend X (Madison)
3. Membership (Belarbi)
4. MS Degree in Information Science and Technology (Rao)
5. Approval of December Graduates (Madison)

1. Graduate Student Health Insurance: Vice Chancellor Gajda was not present. Don Madison read an e-mail memo from Vice Chancellor Gajda on the projected cost. Annual cost to UMR would be \$88,338 assuming \$539/student. No action was taken.

3 Stipend X: Stipend X for 2000-01 is \$26,900 (1.00 FTE). Last increase was \$400 (1.5%). Doug Ludlow made a motion (seconded by Paul Stigall) to increase Stipend X for 2001-02 to \$28,000 (1.0 FTE). The motion was passed.

3. Membership Committee: Chair of the membership committee DJ Belarbi was not present and the Committee's recommendations will be brought up again.

4. MS Degree in Information Science and Technology: Vittal Rao was not present. Keith Stanek made a presentation on the new degree program, which has been posted on the Academic Affairs Web Page (http://www.isc.umn.edu/IST%20Degree_MS.html). Henry Wiebe seconded Keith Stanek's motion to approve the proposed degree program. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Approval of December Graduates: Paul Stigall made a motion (seconded by Keith Stanek) to approve the list of December Graduates, circulated to Graduate Faculty earlier. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted
By Lokesh R. Dharani
Secretary, Graduate Faculty