

Minutes of Graduate Faculty Meeting held on December 3, 2001

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

There were five items on the agenda:

1. Graduate Certificate Program (Bruce Mcmillin)

Bruce McMillin and other Computer Science faculty expressed their concern on the provision of automatic admission to respective MS degree program if a student successfully completes the corresponding Graduate Certificate Program. A motion was made to modify the wording to read " may be admitted" instead of "will be admitted" to MS degree program. Douglas Ludlow seconded the motion. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was withdrawn. The Graduate Certificate Program as approved earlier by the Graduate Faculty stands unchanged.

2. Graduate Credit for courses taken during Graduate Certificate Program (Laura Stoll)

Current Graduate Certificate Program states "While the students admitted to the Certificate Program will have non-matriculated status, if they complete the four-course sequence with a grade of B or better in each of the courses taken, they will be admitted to the M.S. program if they so choose. The Certificate credits taken by students admitted to the M.S. program will count toward their Masters degrees."

Under this arrangement, a student admitted to a degree program has to request that the courses taken above be counted as graduate credit and get an approval for such request.

Dharani moved that the courses taken as part of a Graduate Certificate Program are shown as graduate credit while the student is enrolled in such a certificate program. Paul Stigall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Stipend X (Don Madison)

Don Madison presented 1997-2000 data on Graduate stipend X. He pointed out that UMR stipend is right in the middle of the pack (comparable schools). 2001-02 stipend X is \$28,000 (100% FTE). Mariesa Crow made a motion to raise the 2002-03 stipend X to \$29,000 (100% FTE). Nick Knight seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. December 2001 Graduates (Don Madison)

Laura Stoll reported that Sabrina Forni has not completed the requirements for graduation. Her name was removed from the list of December 2001 Graduates. Paul Stigall made a motion to approve the list as amended. Paula Lutz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. Graduate Faculty Reappointment (Don Madison)

Don Madison reported that 17 were approved for reappointment, two were declined and one need not have applied. Nick Knight made a motion to accept the report of the membership committee. Paula Lutz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted
By Lokesh R. Dharani
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