GRADUATE FACULTY MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2003

The graduate faculty met at 2:00 pm in Miles Auditorium. Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed by email and approved. The registrar's list of graduate degree recipients at the December Commencement ceremony was also approved.

The next item of business concerned the recommendations of the graduate faculty membership committee. The recommendations of the graduate faculty membership committee were previously forwarded to all graduate faculty members by email. As a matter of procedure, the graduate faculty is then asked to vote on the approval of these recommendations. The graduate faculty rules specifically require secret ballot voting for issues involving the membership of individuals in the graduate faculty. Therefore the approval will be conducted by distributing a ballot via email to all faculty members on the graduate faculty email list.

Under new business, Prof. Henry Weibe introduced two related items. The first item concerned using graduate non-degree status to replace post-baccalaureate status. The second item concerned removing the cap (currently 10) on the number of certificate programs. The graduate faculty present at the meeting approved a motion to raise the cap to 12 but due to the relatively small turnout for the meeting, a motion to completely remove the limit on certificate programs was tabled.

Prof. Weibe agreed to chair a special graduate faculty committee to help identify the issues and concerns related to "non traditional" postgraduate programs—e.g certificate programs, distance learning programs, post baccalaureate status, and graduate non-degree status. Other committee members include Prof. Erickson from the School of Engineering, Prof. McMillin from the College of Arts and Sciences, Prof. Joe Newkirk from the School of Mines and Metallurgy, and Prof. Kluczny from the School of Management and Information Systems. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

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