

Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Meeting of Dec. 9, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Chair Don Madison at 3:30 pm:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
2. Announcements:
 - a. Committee members for 1996-97 were announced.
 - b. A committee for the attraction of graduate students is to be formed.
3. Stipend X - a report was made by the ad hoc committee which recommended variable stipends depending on the level of the graduate student (see report in complete minutes)

Paul Stigall moved (1) that two scales (stipend X and stipend Y) be established and (2) that Ph.D. candidates be paid 25% higher than M.S. candidates. The higher stipend would wait until enough funds were available from regular GTA/GRA funding to afford the increase. The motion was seconded.

Part (1) of the motion passed with the amendment that stipend Y begin only after the student has passed the qualifying exam.

Part (2) passed with a change to a 10% increase for stipend Y over stipend X.

James Johnson moved and it was seconded that a stipend Z be established for Ph.D. candidates who have passed the comprehensive exam. Stipend Z would be 25% over the stipend X. The motion passed.

3. Lokesh Dharani moved item 4 from the Nov. 5 Graduate Council Meeting which stated that C grades for courses that cannot be counted for graduate credit because of time passed since the C grades were awarded not be included in the total of C credit for application of the "10 hours of C rule". The motion was seconded. An amendment was moved and seconded that C grades for courses not used in the M.S. program of study not count in the 10-hour rule. The amendment did not pass. The main motion failed as well.
4. The list of graduates who will be awarded the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at the December commencement was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Patterson, Secretary