

Minutes of the Graduate Faculty
University of Missouri-Rolla
April 28, 1997

The meeting was called to order by Chair Don Madison at 2:00 pm.

Officers for the 1997-98 year were elected. Don Madison was elected chair and Gary Patterson was elected secretary.

A proposal for interdepartmental sharing of credit for joint advising of graduate students was presented by Shala Keyvan, chair of the ad hoc committee.

The proposal as amended during discussion is as follows:

- o All departments involved should get fractional credit for jointly advising graduate students. Hence, a department should report the number of degrees granted as well as the number of theses and dissertations supervised.
- o XX490 credit must be shared and the decision on the fractional credit sharing will reside with the co-advisors and their departments. Forms I (masters program) and VI (Ph. D. program) should be revised to reflect credit sharing by co-advisors.
- o A clearly worded statement for the Graduate Catalog must be developed.

The proposal was approved.

A proposal relating to Stipend X that was previously approved by the Graduate Council was discussed. The proposal was as follows:

There shall be a single Stipend X which will be \$20,672 plus inflation for 1998-99. All stipends on an appointment of quarter time or greater will receive a waiver of required tuition and fees and the waived funds will be charged to the source of support for the student. (Added in discussion was:
In case of chancellor's or dean's fellowships which waive tuition, they will become payment fellowships.)

Approval of the proposal was moved by Stigall and seconded by Riordan. The motion failed.

It was moved and seconded that the Stipend X for 1999-99 be the value for 1997-98 increased by the inflation rate. The motion passed.

Dean Keith presented a proposal previously approved by the Graduate Council concerning intellectual property rights as follows:

It is recommended that the University of Missouri adopt a policy that allows research investigators to make the decision relative to protection of intellectual property rights. If the investigator(s) indicates on the grant data form that there is no intellectual property to protect, then contracts should waive all university intellectual property rights. If the investigator(s) indicate a potential for development of intellectual property of value, contracts should be negotiated that protect both the investigator(s)' and University's rights and potential future income.

Patterson moved and Tsoulfanidis seconded that the proposal be approved. The motion passed.

Glen Haddock moved approval of the following change to the Graduate Catalog regarding the rules for the masters degree without thesis (page 7, 1996-97):

"The candidate also must successfully complete a final comprehensive examination which will be conducted by an examining committee appointed by the school/college dean, (Graduate Form I-B). The committee will consist of at least five members, including at least one member from outside the candidate's department....."
[Delete "including at least one member from outside the candidate's department"]

Approval of the change was moved by Tsoulfanidis and seconded by Keyvan. The motion failed.

Walt Gajda presented a change in the rules for dual enrollment that had been approved by the Graduate Council. The change was an addition as follows:

"Students must declare which courses are to be taken for graduate credit in the first two weeks of each semester. A student must take at least 3 hours for undergraduate credit from UMR in that semester."

Approval of the addition was moved by Tsoulfanidis and seconded by Stigall. A substitute motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Stigall as follows:

"Students must declare courses for graduate credit when they enroll, must pay graduate fees on that graduate credit, and may dually enroll for both undergraduate and graduate credit for the last semester of the senior year."

The substitute motion was approved.

Previously presented plans for new degrees in Computer Engineering were discussed by Robert Mitchell. Approval for recommendation of the new programs by the Graduate Faculty was moved by Riordan and seconded by Tsoulfanidis. The motion passed.

A motion and second to approve the May 1997 graduates with graduate degrees passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary K. Patterson, Secretary