

Graduate Faculty Meeting
Minutes
May 6, 1996
Missouri Room, University Center East

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Chair Frank Blum.

1. The minutes of the December 9, 1995 meeting were approved.
2. The chair gave the following report:
 - a) It is important that research and graduate education get the attention they deserve from the administration.
 - b) The Graduate Faculty chair attends the Chancellor's Council meetings.
 - c) The minutes of the Graduate Council minutes will be distributed in the future (electronically) to all members of the Graduate Faculty.
 - d) The Graduate Affairs paperwork seems to run smoothly at the Schools and College.
 - e) The Research Process Team will have its report ready shortly for the Chancellor.
3. Bruce Selberg was reelected as representative of the Graduate Faculty to the Academic Council.
4. Don Madison was elected as the new Chair of the Graduate Faculty and Graduate Council.
5. Gary Patterson was reelected as Secretary of the Graduate Faculty and Graduate Council.
6. The group approved establishing the Chair and Secretary to be voting members of the Graduate Faculty and Graduate Council.
7. The list of graduate degrees was approved with the addition of Carl Krull, MS degree in Engineering Management, to be awarded posthumously.
8. Dean Robert Mitchell was approved as a member of the Doctoral Faculty.

Regarding the doctoral faculty, the question was asked whether we still have it since the University Doctoral Faculty does not exist anymore. The secretary will check.

9. The following motion was made by Dean Mitchell, and duly seconded, regarding variable graduate student stipends. "It is proposed that the University implement a procedure which allows a range of pay rates to graduate student assistants as follows:
MS students: 0.8-1.0 of Stipend X/2
Ph.D. students: 1.0-1.2 of Stipend X/2
Ph.D. students who passed the Comprehensive exam: 1.0-1.3 of Stipend X/2"

An amendment was offered by N. Tsoulfanidis, and duly seconded, to change the rates and

ranges as follows:

"MS students: 0.8-1.0 of Stipend X/2

Ph.D. students: 1.0-1.3 of Stipend X/2"

After some discussion, no vote was taken on either the amendment or the main motion. Instead, it was decided that the matter needs further study. The Chair appointed a committee consisting of Leon Hall, Vittal Rao, and Nicholas Tsoulfanidis to study this proposal and report back to the Graduate Council and Graduate Faculty in the Fall of 1996.

10. Regarding exceptions to Ph.D. residency requirements, Dean Mitchell made the following motion: "Exceptions to the Ph.D. program residency rules based on special situations may be made by each school or college based on the procedures approved by graduate faculty in each school or college."

An amendment was offered by Nicholas Tsoulfanidis to add to the motion: "This proposal is valid for 6 years only." After some discussion the amendment carried.

Delbert Day offered the following amendment: "Change the words 'based on the procedures' to 'as'." The amendment was approved.

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Discussion returned to the main motion which then read: "Exceptions to the Ph.D. program residency rules based on special situations may be made by each school or college as approved by the graduate faculty in each school or college. This proposal is valid for 6 years only." After some discussion, a vote was taken and the motion failed (15 to 35).

11. A comment was made by Gary Patterson that faculty sign approval forms declaring that theses and dissertations are ready to be defended in an exam without reading them. Such practice should not be tolerated. The blame is with the faculty and not with the students.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary K. Patterson
Secretary