

Minutes of Graduate Faculty Council:
October 15, 1996

- A. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.
- B. Chairman Don Madison discussed the list of appointed committee members. The list is attached.
- C. Report by Interdisciplinary Thesis Committee (Chair: Shahla Keyvan):
1. The main issue is how credit for co-advising xxx490 (research) should be shared between advisors from different departments. The committee recommended that the credit be shared equally by the co-advisors.
 2. The departments of the co-advisors will share equally the credit for thesis advising, but credit for the graduate will accrue to the department of the student's major only.
- It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted for referral to the Graduate Faculty, endorsed by the Council and to be brought with a clearly worded statement for the Graduate Catalog. The motion passed.
- D. Report by the Research Process Team, a team appointed by Chancellor Park (Chair: Frank Blum):
1. The full report is on the world wide web under the UMR homepage. The executive summary is included with the hard copy distribution.
 2. A discussion was held of Point 3 of the report, which recommended that "a designated person should be primarily and directly responsible for the promotion and coordination of research on campus". A motion was made and seconded that Chancellor Park be requested to respond to the report point by point either verbally at a meeting of the Graduate Faculty or in writing to the same body before the December, 1996, meeting. The motion also specified that Chancellor Park be informed about how important the Research Process Team report is to the Graduate Council. The motion passed.
- E. Report by the Ad hoc Committee on Variable Stipends (Chair: Nicholas Tsoulfanidis):
1. The report is attached to the hard copy distribution.
 2. It was moved and seconded that the recommendations of the report be adopted with the proviso that the stipend levels be more clearly stated. The committee agreed and the motion passed.
- F. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Gary K. Patterson
Secretary

GRADUATE FACULTY COMMITTEES FOR 1996-97

Campus Curriculum Committee - Shamsheer Prakash

Thesis and Dissertation Specifications Committee - Paula
Cochran, Vicki Gibbons, Roberta Cox, Mike McKean, Becky
Merrell, Linda Bergmann, Allan Hatheway, Don Madison

Budgetary Affairs - Bassem Armaly, Barbara Hale

Research Policy - S. N. Balakrishnan, Engineering
Shahla Keyvan, Mines and Metallurgy
John Carstens, Arts and Science
Paul Stigall, At Large

Membership Committee - Jim Johnson (chair), Engineering
Joe Newkirk, Mines and Metallurgy
Richard Bryant, Arts and Science