

**Graduate Council Minutes**  
**January 28, 1997**

Chair Don Madison called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm in the Silver and Gold Room of the University Center.

1. Graduate faculty and doctoral faculty nomination lists were discussed and the following changes were suggested by Liz Cummins:

Dennis Perry - continuing membership  
Larry Vonalt - new appointment

Nick Tsoulfanidis moved that the list as changed be accepted by the membership committee. The motion was seconded by Lokesh Dharani. In answer to the question as to whether anyone was denied, James Johnson replied that no one was denied. It was brought out that only new appointments need to be voted on by the graduate faculty.

The motion to accept the list as changed was approved.

Paul Stigall moved and it was seconded that the vote on approving the new graduate faculty and doctoral faculty members be done electronically. The motion passed.

2. A new discussion of the graduate stipend XYZ plan approved at the Dec. 9 graduate faculty meeting was initiated. The new stipend plan would include increased stipends for Ph.D. students (stipend Y) who have passed the qualifying exam at 1.1 times the stipend X and for Ph.D. students (stipend Z) who have passed the comprehensive exam at 1.25 times the stipend X.

Vice-Chancellor Walt Gajda was asked to determine the impact of the new graduated plan with increased rates for the Ph.D. students. Much discussion ensued regarding the impact on funds reallocation. (A new table of graduate student stipends offered by other universities was distributed - see complete minutes.)

Lokesh Dharani moved and James Johnson seconded that the stipend XYZ plan be reconsidered. The motion passed.

After it was moved and seconded that the stipend XYZ plan be disapproved, the vote to disapprove was unanimous.

Chair Don Madison appointed himself to investigate the possibility of providing more funds for the graduate student stipend pool.

3. New Business - Al Crosbie reminded the graduate council about the need for Chancellor Park's response to the Research Process Team Report. Don Madison volunteered to follow-up.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Patterson, Secretary

Much thanks to Lokesh Dharani who took notes in my absence.