

UMR Graduate Council

Graduate Council Meeting

Minutes

April 25, 1995

117 Fulton Hall

Attendees: Profs. N. Anderson, F. Blum, R. Bryant, J. Carstens, A. Crosbie, C.

Dagli (substituting for Prof. H. Metzner), L. Dharani, R. DuBroff, N. Gale, C.

Haas, S. Kapila, S. Keyvan, J. Newkirk and R. Wilkerson. Ex-officio members in attendance: Roberta Cox, Vicki Gibbons, Dean R. Mitchell, Prof. G. Patterson, Loren Peterson and Prof. N. Tsoulfanidis.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Professor F. Blum. An agenda for the meeting was distributed and items discussed in the following order:

1. Acceptance of minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 1995, meeting was accepted after correcting Item 7: A motion for restoration of faculty E&E and foreign travel funds was made by Professor Crosbie, seconded by Professor Newkirk. The motion was carried. [The correction to the minutes has subsequently been made].

2. Chairman's Report

a) Return of Indirect Costs. Prof. Blum presented figures on indirect costs and its distribution and stated that his queries for an earlier return of the indirect have not received a positive response due to the logistics of the distribution.

b) Faculty Activity Report. In response to the chairman's letter expressing disappointment with the lack of changes in the annual report format, Vice Chancellor Gajda indicated that he will set up a committee to see how the forms should be modified. Chair informed council members that Technical Editing is in the process of putting publication lists from faculty activity reports in an electronic form.

c) Meeting with Chancellor to Discuss Research/Graduate Programs at UMR. Chair raised a question whether the Graduate Faculty Council should convey sentiments of graduate faculty to the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor in a meeting. Members agreed that such a meeting should be arranged before the end of the semester. [This was subsequently done.]

d) Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) Activities. It was brought to the attention of the council that an account has been set up in Gopher to report activities of the GFC.

3. Tuition for Graduate Students Completing Dissertation

Requirements. Chair read a motion on behalf of Prof. Reed regarding registration requirements for graduates who have completed all course and research requirements but have not turned in a thesis/dissertation. After much discussion, the motion was tabled so that Professor Reed could present it to the Graduate Faculty at the Spring Meeting. [No action was taken on this item at the Graduate Faculty Meeting.]

4. Graduate Faculty Rules and Regulations. Chair noted that changes are required in rules and regulations to reflect the absence of a

graduate dean and reassign responsibilities. A motion to keep the 1991 rules was made by Prof. Crosbie. The motion was defeated. A motion was made and passed to recommend that the Deans suggest changes in the document as appropriate.

5. Graduate Catalog. The assistant registrar, Loren Peterson, reported that two of the colleges have requested changes in the graduate catalog which impact other areas as well. He also informed the council that changes in the curriculum are handled by the curriculum committee as an extension of the academic council. Chair questioned whether the graduate faculty should control the changes in the graduate catalog, or should it be left to the academic council. The Graduate Council curriculum committee under Prof. Dharani will explore this. Representatives from Arts & Science and Mines & Metallurgy will be named later.

6. Special and Non-Degree Students. Council Approved and recommended to the Graduate Faculty the following change:  
Delete: "Any person not desiring a graduate degree or not eligible for admission as a regular graduate student may be considered for admission as a special graduate student."  
Added in its place: "Any person not desiring a graduate degree may be considered for admission as a non-degree graduate student. Any person not eligible for admission as a regular graduate student may be considered for admission as a special graduate student." [This was subsequently approved by the Graduate Faculty.]

7. Recommendation for Stipend X (TA/RA). A motion to increase the stipend by the Consumer Price Index for the next three years was made and carried.

8. Committee on Facilitating Learning. Prof. DuBroff represented the Graduate Faculty and presented a report on the committee.

9. Membership Committee. Prof. Dagli presented a report on the membership committee on behalf of Prof. Metzner. He felt that it was better to leave the rules regarding membership on the Doctoral Faculty to be interpreted by the committee from year to year.

10. Interdepartmental Thesis Co-Advisors Committee. Prof. Keyvan presented the recommendation of the co-advisors committee that all departments should get credit for co-advised graduate students. A formal item will be presented for consideration in the future.

11. Research Policy Committee. Council was informed that this committee has not met since our last Graduate Council Meeting.

12. Nine-Hour Limit on Video Courses. Dean Mitchell presented the School of Engineering's position that the nine-hour limit on graduate courses has a detrimental effect on the engineering program offered at UMSL. A motion to repeal the entire statement dealing with limitations on the transfer of credit and video course credits was made and passed.  
Delete: "Subject to departmental approval, a maximum of nine hours of off campus courses may be transferred to UMR for credit toward an M.S. degree. These nine hours may be courses from other institutions or UMR video courses offered simultaneously on campus or any combination thereof. Exceptions to the above must be approved by the department seeking the exception and by the Curriculum Committee of the Graduate

Faculty."

The item will be sent to the Graduate Faculty and Dean Mitchell will speak to it at the meeting. [It was subsequently passed at the Graduate Faculty Meeting.]

13. Residency Requirements. Deans Patterson and Mitchell presented a case for changes in the 15-hour residency requirements that will permit employed students from St. Louis or other areas to enroll in the Engineering Management program.

14. Need for Director of Research/Graduate Affairs. A general discussion was held on the need for a director of research and graduate affairs. The chairman expressed his view that at least a 50% FTE position is needed for a viable research and graduate program at UMR. Several members felt that, to be effective, the appointee should be in the chancellor's staff group.

15. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Kapila, Secretary, Graduate Faculty

Notes: These minutes have not been approved by the Graduate Council. The Comments in [ ] are editorial, by the Chair.