

UMR Graduate Council

Graduate Council Meeting
Minutes
April 30, 1996
Missouri Room, University Center

The meeting was called to order by chair Frank Blum at 3:30 p.m. in the Missouri Room. The minutes of the October 19, 1995 meeting were approved.

The chair reported on the following items:

1. A graduate studies home page has been established.
2. The GRADFAC, GRADSEND, and GRADCOUNCIL lists have been established for E-mail and work well.
3. Tracking of graduate progress in the Schools/College work well.
4. A white paper by Blum has been issued discussing the nature of the chairship of the Graduate Faculty. (See attached memo entitled "New Operating Procedure")
5. The chair attended the Strategic Action Plan meetings.
6. The chair recommended that all Graduate Council communications and minutes be distributed to the entire Graduate Faculty via e-mail. There was support for this.

It was recommended and passed to admit Dean Robert Mitchell into the doctoral faculty. This was forwarded to the Graduate Faculty.

The ad hoc committee on residency for doctoral students presented modifications to the graduate rules (see attached memo entitled "Report of the ad hoc committee...") that would relax somewhat the on-campus course work requirements. The proposal was moved and seconded but was defeated (4 for, 6 opposed, 2 abstained).

It was moved and seconded that the Oral Exam Registration (XXX493) be limited to intercessions based on a proposal by Vicki Gibbons (see attached description). The proposal passed by a large majority.

A report on interdepartmental thesis advising with recommendations was promised by committee chair Keyvan.

New business was as follows:

1. Patterson described the need for a Director or Dean for Research and Graduate Studies.

2. Rao proposed a plan for a differential rate for Stipend X for M.S. and Ph.D. students to give an incentive to become a Ph.D. candidate. The proposal passed and will be proposed to the Graduate Faculty.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

G. K. Patterson
Secretary