

Graduate Faculty Council
Minutes of the Nov. '4, 2000 Meeting
Blue Room, 3-4:20pm

President Bruce Mork convened the meeting at 3:05

Attending:

Graduate Programs: Bruce Mork (EE), Vicky Bergvall (RTC), Steve Carr (CS), John Jaszczak (PH), Jim Mihelcic (CEE), Casey Huckins (BL), John Sutherland (MEEM), Brad Baltensperger (SS), Mark Roberts (SBE), Chung-Jui Tsai (Forestry)

Other representatives: Neil Hutzler (COE), Marilyn Urion (GS), Bruce Rafert (PH)

Programs not represented: Geological Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Materials Science, Mining, Chemistry, Math

Guests: Linda Ott (CS), Kent Wray (Provost)

Executive Summary

1. Discussion of memo to Provost on realignment of duties for the Dean of the Graduate School
 2. Discussed MS in Applied Science Education
 3. Forestry spin-off PhD to be forward to state
 4. CS PhD proposal forwarded to the Senate
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Extended minutes:

1. Discussion of memo to Provost on realignment of duties for the Dean of the Graduate School

The result of the vote on the realignment of the duties for the Dean of the Graduate School was discussed. Seven departments favored Option 1 and seven departments favored Option. It was mentioned that much of the support for the Option 2 was the impression that this option would not increase the number of new administrators. To the contrary the Provost has implied that either option will require a new administrator. GFC members felt that some departments may have voted differently if this were clearly understood.

John Sutherland moved that assuming that either option would require a new administrator that the GFC was in support of a separate Graduate Dean and Vice

President for Research, each directly reporting to the Provost. Brad Baltensperger seconded the motion. The motion passed 10-0.

2. MS in Applied Science Education

There had been an email motion by Vicky Bergvall that the GFC support the MS – ASE program proposal. Steve Carr seconded the motion via email.

John Jaszczak brought up the GFC from last year had passed a motion opposing the creation of new MS programs that would take away from the goal of reaching the top Carnegie status.

Some were concerned that teaching courses in the summer would take away from the research productivity of the involved faculty. It was pointed out for faculty doing research in pedagogy the teaching of courses is an integral part of the research and scholarship that a faculty member does.

Some concern was expressed as to whether the commitment was there to offer enough courses to see the students through to completion of the degree once the NSF grant ran out.

It was decided that the vote on the MS – ASE program would be done via email since there was not enough departmental representation at this point in the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.