

Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Council
October 2, 2001

Meeting opened at 3:07 PM by president Mary Durfee in the ROTC Blue Room.

Attending:

Neil Hutzler, College of Eng.
John Jaszczak, Physics
Sarah Green, Chemistry
Dave Reed, Research
Bruce Rafert, Grad School
Marilyn Urion, Grad School
Paul Nelson, Business & Economics
Michelle Trim, Graduate Student Council
Sharron Paris, OSSR
Steve Carr, CS
Casey Huckins, Bio Sci
Mark Gockenbach, Math Sci
Chung-Jui Tsai, SFWP
Tom Van Dam, CEE
John W. Sutherland, ME-EM
Vicky Bergvall, HU/RTC
Julie King, Chem Eng
Mary Durfee, Social Sci

Academic Integrity Policy

The draft Academic Integrity Policy revision was distributed at the Sept. 18 meeting of GFC. Some concerns have been raised about how graduate students are treated in this policy. Graduate Faculty are mentioned in the report, but GFC was not contacted for its input. Rafert clarified that the policy will need to be amended for certain since in the case of expulsion, the policy could only make a recommendation to his office. Michelle Trim volunteered to email the GFC with the current concerns of the Graduate Student Council. The senate instructional policy committee is set to meet this week to discuss the proposed policy.

Research Faculty Status/Policy: Senate Proposal 2-02

Dave Reed reviewed the policy's history. It has already passed the Senate and is in the hands of the Administration. The purpose of the policy is one step in a series of actions that are hoped to make Research Faculty status more attractive and competitive, for example by improving benefits and allowing continuing appointments. Rafert pointed out that the wording in the preamble that time in a Research Faculty rank would not count toward the probationary period in any tenure-track appointment, could be interpreted as a unattractive stipulation. After much discussion it was agreed that Mary would circulate proposed rewording of this section by email for comments and consensus. We will advise the Dean of the Graduate School, who will then advise the Provost.

Working Groups:

Mary reminded GFC members to sign up for a working group if

they have not already done so.

Jaszczak reported that the Recruiting and Graduation had met twice and through the coordinating and writing efforts of Neil Hutzler, submitted a preproposal to the Vision Fund called "BRAGGS: Bolstering Recruiting and Graduation of Graduate Students". Neil volunteered to chair the working group, which will meet on every 4th Tuesday of the month at 4:00 PM. Jaszczak reported that he will be emailing some homework for GFC members to help the working group with planning.

Report from the Dean

Bruce Rafert announced

1. His office is preparing extensive data that will be distributed soon to GFC members.
2. He has begun meeting with departments- department chair and Grad Faculty Council Rep. (Perhaps this should include Grad Directors in depts where they are not the same as the GFC rep.?) Meetings take up to two hours and have been very helpful so far.
3. GTA news and budgets are hoped for by Oct. 4. Dean will report at the Nov. meeting of GFC.
4. Modest budgets have been set for the working groups.

Announcements

Michelle Trim announced that October 26 is the due date for abstracts for the GSC poster session. More than \$1,000 is now available for awards.

Meeting Adjourned 4:59 PM.

Submitted by John Jaszczak, Secretary