

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
May 28, 2002
Pending Approval

Meeting convened at 3:08 – Dean Atlas presiding.

Members present: Susan Griffin, Ruth Huber, Bruce Kemelgor, Peter Meyer, William Pierce, Joseph Steffen, and William Wead.

Ex Officio: Ronald Atlas and Richard Stremel.

Members Absent: Peter Aronhime, Faye Austin, Barbara Clark, Melanie Hurst, Waldemar Karwowski, Carolyn Klinge, Vicki Hines-Martin, Phyllis Metcalf-Turner, Seow-Chin Ong, George Pack, Ron Sahoo, Mary Ann Stenger, Arthur Van Stewart, Richard Tewksbury, and Deborah Voltz.

Guests: Mark French.

1. MOTION: That the Minutes of the April 23, 2002 meeting of the Graduate Council be approved.
Move to approve the Minutes – Peter Meyer, second – Ruth Huber.
PASSED.
2. Curriculum Committee Report: Dr. Stremel, Liaison
Proposal for a Non-Thesis Option in the Master of Science in Civil Engineering – Mark French presented the overview. The proposal is that students could elect to take 6 credit hours of graduate course work rather than 6 credit hours of thesis. This option will be particularly attractive to students in the overseas (Panama) program.
MOTION: Committee recommended approval.
PASSED.
4. Membership Committee Report – Dr. Steffen, Chair.
The following individuals were reviewed by the Membership Committee and are recommended as members of the **Senior Graduate Faculty**:
Xiao-Ming Xu, Ph.D., *Department of Neurological Surgery*, School of Medicine.

Stephen M. Onifer, Ph.D., *Department of Neurological Surgery*, School of Medicine.

MOTION: To accept Committee Report.
PASSED.

The following individuals were reviewed by the Membership Committee and are recommended as members of the **Graduate Faculty**:

Anne Caldwell, Ph.D., *Department of Political Science*, College of Arts and Sciences.

Clara A. Leuthart, Ph.D., *Department of Geography and Geosciences*, College of Arts and Sciences.

Grzegorz A. Rempala, Ph.D., *Department of Mathematics*, College of Arts and Sciences.

MOTION: To accept Committee Report.
PASSED.

5. Scholarship Committee Report – Dr. Stremel, Liaison.

The Scholarship Committee of Graduate Council met on May 23, 2002 to respond to Dean Atlas' request for input on graduation awards and honors. Since the University is moving to three Commencement ceremonies per year, it seems appropriate to reconsider the distribution of honors and awards at these ceremonies. Each Commencement requires a Graduate School Banner Bearer.

The recommendation from the Scholarship Committee follows:

- Award the Alice Eaves Barns Award at each Commencement.
- Create an award for the Graduate School Banner Bearer and award at each Commencement.
- Award the John M. Houchens Prize at the May Commencement, but make all doctoral graduates for the academic year eligible.
- Award the Guy Stevenson and John Richard Binford Memorial Awards at either August or December Commencement (one at each).
- Identify any unit-based graduate honors and include their recognition in the Graduate School honors and/or Honors Breakfast.

Council discussed the relative prestige of each of the major doctoral awards and considered which honor should be presented at which commencement. All these awards recognize scholarly achievement. The recommendation was modified as follows:

- Award the Alice Eaves Barns Award at each Commencement Ceremony.
- Award the John M. Houchens Prize and the Guy Stevenson and John Richard Binford Memorial Awards at each Commencement Ceremony.
- Keep the description of these four awards as they are currently described in the Graduate Catalog.
- The Scholarship Committee is charged with recommending the top 3 candidates for the doctoral awards and the top candidate for the Barn's Award.

- Depending on the quality of nominations and the fit with the award descriptions, it is not necessary to award all four honors at any one Commencement Ceremony.
- Identify any unit-based graduate honors and include their recognition in the Graduate School honors and/or Honors Breakfast.

PASSED.

6. Other Business.

Graduate Council Elections.

The Graduate School had received nominations for Graduate Council from the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Dentistry. Elections are in process for those two units. Speed Scientific School, School of Medicine, and College of Business and Public Administration had not offered nominations and thus those seats will remain empty as the 2002-03 academic year begins. Members of Council from CBPA indicated that Peter Meyer had been the sole nominee from CBPA and is thus returning to Graduate Council for a final three-year term. Members of Council from the SOM indicated that they would find graduate Faculty nominees.

Program Review.

The Program Review Committee of the Provost's Office is in need of a representative from Graduate Council. It was decided that this representative would be selected at the first meeting of the new Council in August.

Moving Day.

On June 28, 2002, the Graduate School will be moving to renovated space on the first floor (Room 105) of the Houchens Building.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.