



**Minutes
VPI&SU
Commission on Graduate Studies
4 May 1988, 4:00 P.M.
President's Board Room, Burruss Hall**



Present: Drs. Bates, Baumgartner, Campbell, Harris, J. Johnson, R. Johnson, Mahan, Pienkowski, Snoke, Sponenberg, Swiger, Mr. Robinson Erdman and Ms. Dorothea Thompson.

Visitors: Mr. John Ashby, Spectrum Representative

1. Announcements -

An additional item was added to the agenda - Faculty Ethics Committee Progress Report.

Dr. Paul Torgersen and Dr. George Emert were identified as two of the finalists for the Presidency of the University.

Assistant Dean Martha Johnson of the Graduate School has been awarded a citation by the University for her work in advancing affirmative action.

The next meeting of the CGS will be May 18 at 4:00 at the Cranwell International Center

2. Approval of Minutes of April 20, 1988 - The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Graduate Student Assembly - Ms. Dorothea Thompson announced that the General Delegate Assembly convened on May 3, 1988 for their final meeting for this academic year. The Delegate Assembly approved proposed changes to the GSA's constitution concerning bylaws and standing committees. A motion carried including an amendment defining a quorum as at least 25 elected delegates.

Mr. David Lush, next year's GSA Speaker discussed future goals such as greater visibility of the graduate population through media channels, exploration of possible legislative initiative on a tuition waiver for all graduate students at Virginia Tech, and continued exploration of development funds for graduate research and travel activities.

4. Degree Requirements, Standards, Criteria and Academic Policies - Dr. R. Bates - Committee has completed discussion on the Self-Study recommendations. These will be brought to the Commission for review at the next meeting.

5. Textbook Approval - Approval was granted for the new textbook authored by Dr. David Orcutt in PPWS. (The Physiology of Plants Under Stress) Published by John Wiley, November 1987.
6. Course, Programs and Criteria Committee - Dr. R. Mahan - The Committees report was approved with minor wording changes. Please see Attachment A.
7. Faculty Ethics Committee Progress Report - Dr. F. Baumgartner and Dr. A. Swiger - A brief explanation on what the committee is accomplishing was brought before the Commission for information purposes and comments.
8. Adjournment - 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry A. Harris
Secretary