

MINUTES
VIRGINIA TECH
COMMISSION ON GRADUATE STUDIES
20 May 1987, 4:00 p.m.
Cranwell International Center

Present: Drs. Baumgartner, Brown, Hanna, Harris, Hooper, Martha Johnson, Ron Johnson, Korslund, La Berge, Mahan, Novak, Pienkowski, Sponenberg, Steiss, Swiger, Teekell, Weber, and Ms. Carol Haley.

Visitors: Dr. David Roselle, Provost, Ms. Susan Trulove, Spectrum Representative, and Dr. Keith Wilkins, Public Affairs.

1. Announcements - Dean Teekell thanked the members of the Commission who have completed their tenure. Those members were Drs. Robert Bates, Dixon Hanna, Mary Korslund, John Novak, Ms. Carol Haley and Mr. Jim Harmon.

The State Council of Education has granted 17 minority Master's level fellowships and 2 Doctoral Fellowships for students at Virginia Tech. Dean Teekell reported that almost 50% of these minority fellowship dollars were granted to Virginia Tech.

Congratulations were extended to Dr. Dixon Hanna, who has recently been promoted to Associate Dean of the College of Architecture and Urban Studies and to Dr. Robert Bates, who has been appointed Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences.

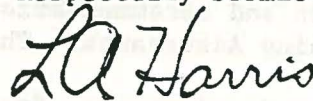
Dean Teekell reported that the number of applications for Graduate School has doubled since 1979.

2. University Provost - Dr. David Roselle gave a farewell address to the members of the commission. He reviewed many of the changes and improvements to Virginia Tech during the past decade. He felt it was very appropriate for his last commission meeting to be held at Cranwell International Center because of the symbolism of the location between the University and the Town of Blacksburg. Dr. Roselle stated that the Center has become an important part of the intellectual and social fabric of the University. Dr. Roselle thanked the members for their service to the University.
3. Minutes of 15 April 1987 - Approved
4. Graduate Research, Policies and Programs Committee - R. Pienkowski presented the report and recommendations for improving training and preparation of Graduate Teaching Assistants. The recommendations were approved by the Commission.
5. Degree Requirements, Standards, Criteria and Academic Policies - J. Novak
The issue of Policy Memorandum #14 was deferred until the next CGS meeting.

6. Graduate Student Assembly - Carol Haley reported that the GSA took a survey on behalf of the Commission asking if graduate students felt there should be less class hours. The response was, "They are satisfied."

Ms. Haley also reported that 72 applications for the Graduate Student Research Grant have been received.
7. MS in Civil Engineering - Non Thesis Option - Approved
8. Cross-Listing of CPAP - Sociology Courses - Approved
9. Access to Computer Labs for Graduate Students - Dr. Alan Steiss reported that the Computer Policy Committee learned that the University intends to close some of the computer labs and turn the others over to the individual Colleges to manage. This change is being brought about because of the plan to put computer lines and computers in all the dormitories. The Graduate School finds this plan disturbing in that few graduate students live in dormitories. The members of the Commission approved a motion asking Dean Teekell to send a letter expressing concern about graduate student access to the main frame on behalf of the CGS with copies to Drs. John Perry, Robert Hederick and John Novak. The CGS members also asked Dr. Teekell to form an ad hoc committee, made up of appropriate experts, to study this situation and make recommendations.
10. Graduate Diplomas in Engineering - This request was turned over to the Degree Requirements, Standards, Criteria and Academics Policies Committee for recommendations.
11. Textbook Approval - Language Arts: Content and Teaching Strategies, by Kenneth Hoskisson, Curriculum and Instruction, and Gail E. Tompkins, University of Oklahoma, Merrill Publishing Co., 1987. Approved.
12. Textbook Approval - Empirical Political Analysis, 2nd Edition, by Jarol B. Manheim and Richard C. Rich, Political Science, Longman, Inc., 1986. Approved.
13. Four Year Textbook Approval - Probability and Statistics for Engineers and Scientists, 3rd. Edition, by Raymond H. Myers, Statistics, MacMillan Publishing Company, 1985. Approved.
14. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry A. Harris
Secretary