

VIRGINIA TECH

COMMISSION ON GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Minutes

March 12, 1980 3:00 p.m.

116 Hutcheson Hall

Present: Professors Bellas, Crofts, Johnson, Mason, Moore, Oyler, Parry, Roselle, Simpson, Sporakowski, Teekell, Mr. Nocek.

Absent: Professors Fabrycky, Havlicek, Hicks, Hinkelmann, Lewis, Watts, Mr. Keil.

Visitor: Dr. Bernard LaBerge

Dean Roselle called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of February 13, 1980. Motion passed.

2. Course Criteria Committee Report

In the absence of Dr. Hinkelmann, Dean Teekell presented the Course Criteria Committee Report of February 18, and recommended approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. Motion passed. (See Appendix I.)

3. Foreign Student Language Report

Dr. Bernard LaBerge shared with the Commission members some background on the English language requirement for international students. Presently all international students whose first language is not English are required to present scores from the TOEFL or ALIGU (students who have received a bachelors degree in this country are excepted from this requirement).

When international students arrive at Virginia Tech, they take an English Placement Examination. Those students who do not pass the English Placement Examination are required to register for an English as a Foreign Language course. At the request of the Commission, the question that is being considered is whether to require that these students pass this remedial English course or otherwise certify language mastery.

Dean Roselle said that he expected that a full committee report would be on the agenda of the next meeting of the Commission.

4. Approval of Faculty-Authored Textbook

The following textbook was approved:

Lecture Notes for Statistical Methods for Analyzing Unbalanced Data by Klaus Hinkelmann, Professor of Statistics - Text - to be used in Statistics 5440 - Statistical Methods for Analysing Unbalanced Data.

5. Announcements


Dean Roselle informed the Commission members that the Graduate Honor System is in need of volunteers from the faculty and student body. He said that Charles Bishop, the Chief Justice and a student in the College of Home Economics, is conducting the Graduate Honor System in exemplary fashion.

Dean Martha Johnson reported to the Commission members of a tentative plan for a graduate CO-OP program. She provided information relating to what is now happening nationally and locally in graduate cooperative education. Following discussion, it was agreed that Dean Johnson would circulate a summary of questions in order that Commission members could discuss them with their colleagues. Dean Roselle specifically asked Mr. Nocek to discuss Cooperative Education at the next meeting of the Graduate Student Assembly.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

  
Roger A. Teekell  
Secretary

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