

Minutes
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COMMISSION ON GRADUATE STUDIES
20 January 1988, 4:00 P.M.
President's Board Room, Burruss Hall

Present: Drs. Bates, Baumgartner, Campbell, Harris, Hooper, Janet Johnson, Martha Johnson, Ron Johnson, LaBerge, Mahan Pienkowski, Snoke, Steiss, Swiger, Teekell, Weber, Mr. Robinson Erdman, Ms. Dorothea Thompson.

Visitors: Dr. Paul Gherman, Dr. Bela Foltin, and Mr. John Ashby, Spectrum Representative.

1. Dean Teekell introduced Dr. Paul Gherman and Dr. Bela Foltin, University Library Director and Associate Director. Dr. Gherman presented a slide presentation to the Commission on the budgetary problems (i.e., inflation of international journal prices) currently facing the library.
2. Announcements - Dean Teekell introduced Mrs. Susan Moles as the new recording secretary. In response to a question, Dr. Gary Hooper indicated that the budget recommendation from Governor Baliles was not what the University had requested and that an addendum to our budget had been submitted.
3. Adoption of the Agenda - A request was made by a Commission member to have this item appear on the agenda for each meeting. A motion was made and seconded to adopt this as standard procedure. A 5-5 vote was broken by Dean Teekell, Chairman, who voted to proceed as the Commission has in the past with the understanding that if any item needs to be on the agenda it will be placed under "Other Business."
4. Approval of Minutes of 6 January 1988 - The minutes were approved as submitted.
5. Graduate Student Assembly - Dorothea Thompson announced that the Executive Board will review representative applications for the 1988-89 delegates to the University Commissions and Committees on March 14.

The Assembly voted unanimously to have one representative from the CPAP department to serve on the Executive Board.

The Delegates Assembly established an ad hoc Committee to discuss graduate student discussion series.

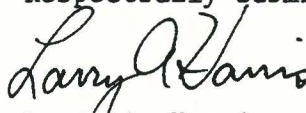
The Delegates Assembly passed a resolution to institute an ad hoc by-laws committee charged with defining the duties and responsibilities of a standing committee.

Two GSA delegates have agreed to attend meetings of the Student Activities Advisory Committee and the Student Health Advisory Committee.

The next General Assembly meeting will be February 9, 1988 at 5:00 PM.

6. Review and Revision of Graduate Catalog - Dr. Larry Harris reported that the Self-Study report recommended a clearer purpose be established for the University Catalog. He asked the Commission members to consider how the Graduate Catalog might be improved. The Commission will discuss this further at its next meeting.
7. Resident Requirement for Master's Degrees - Dr. Larry Harris indicated that the catalog statement on residence at the master's level is in need of review and revision. The present statement is not entirely accurate. A survey was distributed that summarized master's residence requirements at some of our peer institutions. Differences exist, but few have such a requirement at the master's level. Commission members are asked to reflect on this matter and come to the next Commission meeting prepared to discuss possible actions.
8. Scheduling the Preliminary Exam 9 Months Before Graduation - Dr. Larry Harris identified this as a policy that has fallen into disuse. The question was raised as to whether this policy should now officially be abandoned? Discussion was deferred to a later date.
9. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Larry A. Harris
Secretary