

MINUTES  
VIRGINIA TECH  
COMMISSION ON GRADUATE STUDIES  
15 April 1987, 4:00 P.M.  
ROOM 116 Hutcheson Hall

Present: Drs. Bates, Flowers, Harris, Hooper, Martha Johnson, Korslund, La Berge, Novak, Pienkowski, Steiss, Swiger, Teekell, Weber, and Ms. Carol Haley.

Visitors: Dr. Paul E. Torgersen, Dean of the College of Engineering and Mr. John Ashby, Spectrum Representative.

1. Announcements - Office of Institutional Research reported an enrollment increase of more than 7.5% on campus over Spring 1986 and an increase in applications of more than 11.5% over a year ago at this time.

Dr. Bruce Chaloux's position has been retitled Assistant Dean of the Graduate School and Director of the Northern Virginia Graduate Center.

Sally Telford, Program Director of the Cranwell International Center, will be leaving the post effective July 1.

Founder's Day, held April 24, 1987, included the on-stage recognition of graduate student awards.

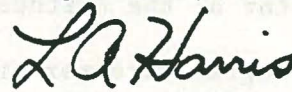
A total of 19 applications were received and there was at least one candidate for the Graduate Dean's Fellowship for Minority Students from each college.

It is projected that there will be for the first time 300 earned doctorates awarded this year.

2. Minutes of 18 March 1987 - Approved.
3. Graduate Student Prospects - Dean Paul Torgersen, College of Engineering, shared his views with the Commission on graduate education. He notes that academic matters at the graduate level do not go through his office. Fifteen or twenty years ago the College of Engineering made a commitment to give more emphasis to research and graduate education and faculty scholarship. These activities fit together and have much to do with the College's reputation among other Universities. Before 1970 the College was receiving approximately one million dollars per year in research dollars. This has increased to approximately 16 million dollars in research at present. Graduate Research Assistants outnumber Graduate Assistants two to one. Enrollment for the College of Engineering has jumped from 300 in 1970 to 1100 in 1986. Off-campus enrollment is approximately 700 students per quarter. Dr. Torgersen reported that international student enrollment in the College of Engineering is about 50%, which reflects the national trend. The need to find an appropriate balance of international/domestic was noted. Dean Torgersen responded to several questions from Commission members. Dean Teekell thanked him for his remarks and noted the leadership Dean Torgersen has provided in graduate matters.

4. Graduate Student Assembly - Carol Haley thanked members of the Commission on behalf of the Graduate Student Assembly for their efforts and support for the recognition that graduate students are now receiving at the Founder's Day Celebration.
5. Minimum and Maximum Credits in Degree Program - This item will be discussed at a future meeting.
6. Prospect of 3-Year Schedule for Course Offers - This item will be placed on a future agenda.
7. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry A. Harris  
Secretary