

COMMISSION ON GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Minutes

January 9, 1979 3:00 p.m.

President's Board Room, Burruss Hall

Present: Drs. Arnold (for Hinkelmann), Bellas, Bingham, Fabrycky, Hoepner, Lewis, Mason, Oylar, Rockey, Sporakowski, Stout, Watts, Wise, Ms. Stephenson (for Dr. Simpson), Mr. Sweeney.

Absent: Drs. Bonomo, Hinkelmann, Simpson, and Mr. Cummins.

Visitors: Dr. John D. Wilson and Dean M. P. Lacy.

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

1. Adoption of Agenda

Dean Hoepner requested that the proposal dealing with Residency Requirements for the Doctorate in Education be added to the agenda. He pointed out that the item would be referred to the appropriate sub-committee. Therefore, a motion was made to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded and passed.

Dean Hoepner asked the indulgence of the Commission in placing, as the first item of business, the matter of the Comprehensive Final Examination. Dean Hoepner then welcomed Provost John Wilson, who had requested an audience with the Commission to clarify the Commission's intention regarding its action of December 12, 1978.

*note* (2) Comprehensive Final Examination

Dr. Wilson thanked the Commission members for the opportunity to address the group. Dr. Wilson indicated that he wanted to come to the Commission to clarify its intention to remove the adjective "comprehensive" and to simply lift the exemption currently enjoyed by graduate students in the College of Education. He hoped that this action did not exhaust the possibilities, and he indicated that we ought to at least examine the wisdom of having some kind of prescriptive format for a comprehensive final examination for the master's degrees; both thesis and non-thesis option. Dr. Wilson asked the Commission to address itself to the following salient questions:

- 1) Does the Commission find any merit in the prospect of a comprehensive final examination?
- 2) If it does, would it be willing to explore the issue further?

Dr. Wilson requested the consensus of the Commission regarding its thoughtful conclusion in order to represent its intention to explicitly lift the exception for one group. After a lively and lengthy discussion, he assured the Commission members that he would represent their reflective thoughtful conclusion to the University Council. However, he again urged the Commission to give this matter further consideration at an appropriate time.

3.

Change in Add/Drop Deadline

Dean Hoepner welcomed Dean M. P. Lacy to the Commission to represent the item pertaining to a change in the Add/Drop deadline proposed by the Scheduling and Registration Committee in a memorandum dated December 29, 1978. Please see Appendix I. Dean Lacy summarized the deliberations of the Committee in three sections, as follows:

- 1) The University appears to have continuous registration.
- 2) Many faculty have expressed concern for the need to stabilize class enrollment early.
- 3) The University has very limited classroom space and faculty resources. Therefore, a student who can delay dropping classes almost three weeks into the quarter ties up critical spaces in classes that other students need.

Dean Lacy reported that the Committee recommended that, for these reasons, the deadline for adding and dropping classes be the same; namely: five class days or seven calendar days after the first day of classes, compared to the current eight days for adding and twenty days for dropping. He informed the Commission members that he did not intend to argue for or against the proposal, however, he would be most happy to answer any questions the commissioners might have. After a lengthy question and answer period, Dean Hoepner thanked Dean Lacy for his attendance. A motion was subsequently made and seconded to table the item in order to solicit the views of the Graduate Student Assembly on this issue. Dean Hoepner suggested a time limit of February 1, 1979. Motion passed.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of December 12, 1978. Motion passed.

5. Course Criteria Report - Dr. Lewis

Dr. Lewis reported that due to the Holiday Season, the Course Criteria Committee's report was not available.

The following courses (4000 level), previously deferred for further justification of graduate credit, are now approved.

CE 4430-Boundary Law (2H,3L,3C) approved.

CE 4320-Control Surveys (2H,3L,3C) approved.

IEOR/NSE 4050-Nuclear Fuel Cycle Management (3H,3C) approved.

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6. *noted* Degree Requirements, Standards, Criteria, and Academic Policies Committee Report - Dr. Mason

Dr. John Mason, Chairman of the Committee, reported that his committee had reviewed the recommendation of the Departmental Curriculum Committee of the Division of Curriculum and Instruction, the Division Director, the College Curriculum Committee and the College of Education regarding the approval of a faculty-authored textbook entitled "Curriculum Development in Vocational and Technical Education" for use in EDVT 5630, Program Planning in Vocational-Technical Education and EDVT 5640, Curriculum Design and Development in Vocational-Technical Education. He therefore, made a motion to accept the above recommendations. Motion was seconded and passed.

7. Proposal for Residence for the Doctor of Education Program

The above item was referred to the Degree Requirements, Standards, Criteria, and Academic Policies Committee (Dr. Mason) via the agenda.

8. Program Criteria Committee Report - Dr. Stout

Dr. Stout explained that the College of Education requested approval of a change in the designation of one of its doctoral degrees. The request simply specified a title change - dropping EDSU (Educational Supervision) HEGIS #0828 and adding EDCI (Curriculum and Instruction) HEGIS #0829 at the post-master's level. The change was requested in order to bring the degree designation more in line with the role that graduates perform after receiving their degree. Typically those graduates do not, in fact, perform roles described by the term "supervision"; rather, they become school system specialists in curriculum development and instructional design, or faculty members of colleges and universities in the field of teacher preparation.

Dr. Stout offered a motion to accept the proposal. The motion was seconded and passed.

9. Announcements

Dean Hoepner informed the Commission that he had the pleasure of participating on a committee, chaired by Dr. A. H. Krebs, that was studying student housing - both graduate and undergraduate. Nine architectural firms have been interviewed and a recommendation has been made to President Lavery that an architectural firm be employed to begin the planning phase of this project. An eight and one half million dollar revenue generating bond issue is being requested to build a student athlete dormitory and to renovate Hillcrest Hall to provide on-campus graduate student housing for single graduate students, married graduate students and international students.

Dean Hoepner announced that the Graduate Student Assembly has scheduled its quarterly delegates meeting in Squires Student Center on January 12th. He urged those who were free to stop by and visit with the graduate student delegates. Dean Hoepner indicated that he had the opportunity of meeting with the Executive Committee of the group last week and that he was very impressed with the work that they were doing and with their future plans. He noted that a vital Graduate Student Assembly was needed and encouraged the support of the Commission.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Curtis  
Acting Secretary