

MINUTES  
VIRGINIA TECH  
COMMISSION ON GRADUATE STUDIES  
Wednesday, October 15, 1986 at 4:00 p.m.  
ROOM 116 Hutchison Hall

Present: Drs. Bates, Baumgartner, Harris, R. Johnson, Korslund, Mahan, Sponenberg, Teekell, J. Wang for W. Brown, Weber, and Ms. Carol Haley and Mr. James Harmon.

Visitors: Dr. Keith Wilkins, Research and Graduate Studies Division, and Mr. John Ashby, Spectrum representative.

1. Announcements - Dean Teekell reported the final enrollment figures for Fall Quarter 1986 to be 3716, an 8% headcount above Fall 1985. Engineering enrollment is up 3% from last year with Business as the next highest with MBA leading the divisions.

The new Research magazine has been published. Dr. Wilkins pointed out that nearly all the articles were written by graduate students.


The University self-study is now underway and the committee on Research/Graduate Studies has begun their review.

Drs. Hooper, Steiss, Teekell, and Harris are conducting departmental visits during Fall and Winter Quarters. The purpose of the visit is to pass on information to each department about the Graduate School and the Research Division and to hear suggestions and answer any questions departments may have.

Dean Teekell reminded the Commission members that they can access all semester conversion course proposals on PROFS. He also informed the group that Dean Harris and the college representative to the Commission have a hard copy of each proposal.

Dean Teekell introduced John Ashby, Spectrum representative to the Commission.

2. Approval of Minutes of 1 October 1986 - Approved.
3. Course Criteria Committee - Dr. Mary Korslund reported on the 9 October 1986 meeting and the minutes were approved. The Commission approved the CCCC recommendation on the semester transition course proposals for the Departments of Humanities, Statistics, EDHL, and Family and Child Development. Also approved was the Committees recommendation for the relocation of Masters Degree in Public Administration and Policy. (Item A)
4. Tax Reform Act of 1986 - Dr. Harris shared with the commission members a copy of a memorandum from the Council of Graduate School in the U.S. regard the proposed Tax Reform Act of 1986. He pointed out a number of items in the tax package which will affect graduate students at Virginia Tech. The group agreed to ask Dr. Sam Hicks of the Department of Accounting to attend a future meeting of the Commission to answer questions about the new tax law.
5. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Larry A. Harris  
Secretary