

MINUTES  
GRADUATE COUNCIL  
MARCH 16, 1995

- MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Lutz, Acting Chair; Karen A. Bjorndal, William Chamberlin, Patricia Craddock, Nicolae Cristescu, Susan Frost, Joan Herrera, David A. Jones, Mary Grace Kantowski, Philip Posner, Rachel Shireman
- MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen A. Holbrook, Chair; Scotty Powers, Anita Spring, Richard Yost
- OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Trocolli, Graduate Student Council
- STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Michael Phillip, Phyl Schmidt, Julie Shih, Bernice Thornton
- STAFF ABSENT: Dorothy Long, Helen Martin

The Graduate Council meeting was called to order by Dr. Richard Lutz at 1:10 p.m. He announced the Graduate Student Forum on March 22nd and encouraged Council members to attend a session if at all possible.

ACTION ITEMS

1. The minutes of the February 16, 1995, meeting of the Graduate Council were approved.
2. The Council unanimously approved the request from the College of Medicine for the deletion of the interdisciplinary graduate program in Cell Structure and function.
3. A request from the Editorial Office requesting that approval authority for writing a thesis or dissertation in Spanish, French, or German, when the topic involves the literature or grammar of that language, be returned to the student's department or supervisory committee, was unanimously approved by the Council.
4. After a lengthy discussion on the proposed statement for the Constitution, the motion carried to approve the following changes:
  - (C) It shall be composed of twelve members of the Graduate Faculty, a graduate student elected by the Graduate Student Council, and the Dean of the Graduate School, who shall serve as Chairperson. In the Dean's absence, an Associate Dean shall be designated by the Dean to represent her or him.

The Dean of the Graduate School will appoint a Nominating Committee of no fewer than three members of the Graduate Council. The Nominating Committee will provide a slate of six or more candidates which will be discussed by the members of the

Graduate Council, who will determine the final slate to be put forth to the Graduate Faculty for a vote. This process will take place before the end of the Spring Semester.

The entire slate indicating the individuals elected will be presented to the Provost for his/her consideration in making appointments for the other members of the Graduate Council.

The graduate student member of the Graduate Council, who must be a doctoral student, serves a two-year term. During the first year, s/he serves as a non-voting alternate member who is expected to attend all meetings and participate in deliberations. During the second year, the student assumes voting privileges, and a new alternate member is elected by the Graduate Student Council to a two-year term.

(E) Appointment to the Graduate Faculty shall be made by the Dean of the Graduate School upon the approval by a two-thirds vote of all on-campus Graduate Faculty in the appointing department and endorsement of the department chair and the dean of the college. Privileges regarding the level of involvement of Graduate Faculty in supervising students are granted by the dean of the college or other designated official in consultation with the faculty member and in accordance with the criteria established by that unit. **New faculty may be appointed to the Graduate Faculty as a condition of their appointment to a tenure-track position in a graduate degree granting department upon approval of the appropriate chair, dean of the college, and the graduate dean.**

5. The Graduate Council unanimously approved the slate of nominees presented by the Graduate Council Nominations Subcommittee as follows:

Richard Yost, CLAS  
David M. Richardson, Tax Law  
Maureen Keller-Wood, Pharmacy  
Joel Demski, Accounting  
Patricia Ashton, Education  
Don Hearn, Engineering  
Phyllis Dorman, Fine Arts  
Gary Siebein, Architecture

Alternates

John Lynch, Business  
Kevin Anderson, Vet Medicine  
Mark Hoit, Civil Engineering

It was agreed that the order of names on the ballot be randomized rather than alphabetical.

After a brief discussion, it was determined that the May meeting of the Council will be scheduled for Tuesday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m. Enough members can be present to form a

quorum. If it develops that no May meeting is necessary, it will be canceled at a later date.

The Council adjourned at 2:20 p.m.