

MINUTES
GRADUATE COUNCIL
APRIL 18, 1995

- MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen A. Holbrook, Chair; Karen A. Bjorndal, William Chamberlin, Patricia Craddock, Nicolae Cristescu, Susan Frost, Joan Herrera, David A. Jones, Mary Grace Kantowski, Scotty Powers, Rachel Shireman, Anita Spring, Richard Yost
- MEMBERS ABSENT: Philip Posner
- OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Helga Kraft, Dr. Madelyn Lockhart, Dr. Steve Sanderson Dr. Jack Fry, Ms. Ruth Troccoli
- STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Richard Lutz, Dr. Michael Phillip, Helen Martin, Coralu Roessner, Julie Shih, Phyl Schmidt, Bernice Thornton
- STAFF ABSENT: Dorothy Long

The Graduate Council meeting was called to order by Dr. Richard Lutz at 1:10 p.m. He announced that the Campus Diplomats selected the Graduate Student Council as the "Organization of the Year.

ACTION ITEMS

1. The minutes of the March 16, 1995, meeting of the Graduate Council were approved.
2. A request from Latin American Studies asking that statistics course work be approved as major credit toward the concentrations offered to graduate students in the Center was considered. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was approved by the Council that Statistics courses not count as major coursework in any concentration (except statistics).
3. Drs. Helga Kraft and Madelyn Lockhart were present for discussion of a request for approval of an interdisciplinary doctoral program in Women's/Gender Studies. After a lengthy discussion, the Council unanimously approved this request with the stipulation that Concentration replace Program throughout the proposal.
4. Dr. Steve Sanderson was present to support a possible Graduate Faculty appointment for Dr. Lynn H. Leverty, an Assistant In who is on a non-tenure accruing appointment. Dr. Holbrook requested a letter from Dr. Sanderson clarifying Dr. Leverty's responsibilities. It was decided by Council that a vote was not necessary at this time as she has exceptional credentials.

The more general point was made that decisions on individuals such as this should be made by applying the relevant College guidelines for appointment to the Graduate Faculty, regardless of the title or position. The Council advised Dean Holbrook to insist that each College submit its Graduate Faculty criteria to the Graduate School.

5. Election of the Graduate Council representative to the DSR Board of Directors was tabled until the May meeting. Since this position is for two concurrent years of Graduate Council DSR Board membership, it was thought to be advisable to wait until the new members of Graduate Council are elected/appointed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Graduate Council election update; the cutoff date for ballots is 4/21/95.
2. Richard Lutz, Julie Shih, Phyl Schmidt, and Dan Hanson met with Barbara Talmadge, Bill Kolb, and Steve Pritz regarding audited courses on student transcripts. The Registrar is unwilling to do this, but students can request this information by writing a letter. Dr. Lutz was requested to write a letter to Barbara Talmadge re-stating the Council's position on this issue.
3. Michael Phillip, Richard Lutz and Karen Holbrook will summarize their "Fireside Chats" with different colleges at the next meeting.
4. Dr. Lutz announced that the next Graduate Council meeting will be held May 23.

The Graduate Council adjourned at 3:20.