

## UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

### MINUTES, Meeting 362

3 March 2006

2:00 p.m., 177B Administration Building

**PRESENT:** L. Bennett (CAS), P. Betts (SUAP; proxy, L. Bennett), L. Brooks (MIS), S. Chrietzberg (T&D), T. Dalle (ENGL), J. Frazer (GSA), R. Koch (NURS), D. Larsen (ESCI), M. Logan (CCFA; proxy, L. Bennett), J. Marchetta (MECH; proxy, S. Slack), E. Rakow (COE; proxy, T. Sayger), T. Sayger (CEPR), S. Slack (ENGR), D. Wark (AUSP), L. Weiss (HSS; proxy, T. Sayger); K. Weddle-West (AVPGS), J. Brownlee (Graduate School)

**ABSENT:** D. Arant (UNIV), C. Danehower (FCBE), S. Griffin (EECE), T. McInish (FIR); C. Purtle (ART), C. Schiro-Geist (VPAA), C. Serex (Curriculum Planning),

**GUESTS:** Bill Akey (AVP Enrollment Services), Marcy Sanford (Marketing & Communications), Jim Blythe (HIST), Rob Hoerter (Sossaman Associates), Melanie Murry (Legal Counsel)

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The meeting was called to order at 2:12 PM.

- 362.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting 361, 2/3/06. L. Bennett moved (2/R. Koch) that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was carried by voice vote.
- 362.2 Announcements: J. Frazer reminded everyone that the deadline for submissions to the 18<sup>th</sup> Student Research Forum is 24 March 2006. The Forum will be held 11 April 2006 in the US Ballroom.
- 362.3 Old Business
- 362.3.1 Faculty Senate Motion - Faculty Involvement in Academic Decisions (Dan Larsen and Jim Blythe): This topic generated a great deal of discussion, some heated. J. Blythe said that the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Council does not feel that R. Faudree's response addresses their primary concern, which is that faculty in programs suggested for termination be consulted in the process. J. Blythe said that there has been no discussion in the full Faculty Senate (only in committee). L. Bennett suggested that the University Council should decide whether or not to support the CAS Council recommendations. K. Weddle-West and S. Slack both felt that that recommendation 1 (*"All faculty in departments and programs to which the administration proposes program, curriculum, or organizational*

*changes, must be consulted and made a part of the discussions throughout the process.*”) should be supported but that the second one is redundant and does not include assessment and enforcement standards. L. Bennett (2/T. Sayger) moved that this recommendation be approved; the motion was carried by voice vote. T. Sayger remarked that we need clarification from the Faculty Senate. As a member of the Faculty Senate, T. Dalle will take the Council’s suggestions back to the Senate, stressing that there should be at least one representative from each college and school on the committee proposed by the Provost.

362.3.2 3 + 2 Programs and Senior Combination Status (handout): Tabled until April meeting.

362.3.3 Calculation of GPA Discussion: Tabled until April meeting.

#### 362.4 New Business

362.4.1 Graduate Certificate Brochure: R. Hoerter unveiled the new graduate certificate brochure, entitled “Faster, Smarter, Focused,” which is aimed at people already in a career who want to improve their salary or rank and describes certificate programs in general. Each current program is described briefly. Marcy asked members to check the description of any certificate program in their college and get back to her in a few days. C. Danehower will assist in identifying the market; colleges should send their suggestions to Marcy. She will place a general story in the next issue of the alumni magazine and asked colleges to provide individual success stories for later issues.

362.4.2 Review of Information Assurance Certificate: D. Dasgupta presented this proposal for a graduate certificate in Information Assurance, a subject of growing importance. The department has an NSA-certified Center for Information Assurance and D. Hurley (CIO) and the Informational Technology division will provide support. The faculty and courses necessary are already in place. It was suggested that the enrollment figures be revised to meet THEC requirements. T. Sayger (2/D. Larsen) moved that the proposal be approved with revised enrollment figures. The motion was carried by voice vote.

362.4.3 Legal Issues: Melanie Murry, Staff Attorney, delivered a very informative PowerPoint presentation explaining why the University needs an Office of Legal Counsel. After the meeting the presentation was emailed to Council members for further distribution as they see fit.

362.4.4 Minimum Number of Hours Required for Dissertation: postponed until April meeting.

362.4.4 Health Insurance Survey Results: K. Weddle-West drew members attention to the survey that Tina Jeong had conducted among graduate assistants and reported

that the Graduate School continues to seek cost-effective health insurance for GAs.

- 362.4.5 WES: K. Weddle-West also drew members attention to the example comparing business degrees from two different international universities with one from an American university, which illustrates the need to continue using WES's services.
- 362.4.6 S. Slack asked members to consider the proposed revisions to Graduate Faculty status and be prepared to discuss and vote at the April meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by N. Hurley.