

**GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 1992**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jayne Standley, Chair
Ray Jeffery
Marcy Driscoll
Robert Zmud
Steve Celec
Eric Walker
Richard Greaves
William Outlaw
Natholyn Harris
Mary Alice Hunt
Bill Haas
Russell H. Johnsen
Steve Edwards
David Rasmussen
Dianne Montgomery

ALSO PRESENT:

Donna Wieckowicz
Joyce Howard
Tim Martin
Tim Cross
Joseph Travis
Edward Desloge
Jon Ahlquist

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M. Ms. Standley presented to the committee for approval the 1/13/92 minutes. There being no objection the minutes were approved as distributed.

Ms. Standley then presented to the GPC a recommendation for continuation of Doctoral Directive Status of the Biological Science faculty. This issue was not resolved at the review of this program on 1/13/92. It was **moved** by Mr. Celec and **seconded** by Mr. Haas to accept the following recommendation which reads:

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommends that the doctoral directive status of the following members of the department of Biological Science be continued: Abele, Anderson, Balkwill, Bates, Beidler, Dryer, Easton, Elam, Ellington, Epstein, Fajer, Freeman, Friedmann, Graziadei, Herrnkin, Hofer, Homann, James, L. Keller, T. Keller, Livingston, Mariscal, Meredith, Miller, Moerland, Outlaw, Quadagno, Roberts, Roux, Simberloff, Travis, Tschinkel, ~~Wainwright*~~, Williams, and Winn.

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommends that the doctoral directive status of the following members of the department of Biological Science be reviewed: DeKloet, Heard, Reeves, Roeder, and Stuy.

*The minutes were corrected to delete Wainwright who did not hold DDS at the time of the review.

A discussion ensued regarding the manner in which the subcommittee reviewed the vitae of the Biological Science faculty. It was pointed out that some of the faculty vitae were not reviewed; that one faculty member who is a service professor was continued, when his productivity record reflects that he should be

placed in the group for review; and that the ad hoc subcommittee did not have the latest productivity information on some of the faculty recommended for review. A series of substitute motions were made, none of which were voted on since each was pre-empted by another substitute motion. Several members felt that the doctoral directive status issue be sent back to the ad hoc subcommittee for further review. Other members felt that the GPC should approve a recommendation of the status of the faculty and let the program evaluate the faculty for continuation. A substitute motion was **moved** by Mr. Rasmussen to move the names of Epstein, L. Keller, and T. Keller to the list of those to be reviewed by the program, and to recommend continuation of those remaining in the first paragraph. The motion was **seconded** by Mr. Celec. Mr. Zmud further recommended that the GPC include the name of Easton to those to be reviewed by the program. Mr. Rasmussen disagreed and wanted his motion to include only those as seconded. Mr. Zmud **moved** an amendment to the substitute motion to include Easton with those faculty whose status would be reviewed. Motion was **seconded** by Mr. Greaves and **failed**. Ms. Standley then presented to the committee for approval the substitute motion which reads:

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The Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommends that the doctoral directive status of the following members of the department of Biological Science be reviewed: **Epstein, L. Keller, T. Keller, DeKloet, Heard, Reeves, Roeder, and Stuy.**

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Passed

Ms. Standley then called upon Mr. Ahlquist to present the report of the review of the Ph.D. program in Molecular Biophysics. Mr. Ahlquist explained to the GPC how the program's goals are consistent with FSU's mission as a center for advanced studies and graduate research and education.

The floor was opened to questions. Mr. Zmud inquired regarding student support. Mr. Cross, interim director of the program, responded by saying that students are given a written guarantee for only the first year of study. Some members questioned confusion over the name of the program, not necessarily reflecting what the program does. Mr. Ahlquist pointed out that the brochures distributed by Molecular Biophysics to their students give a clear and concise picture of what is offered at the institute.

Recommendations:

It was **moved** by Ms. Harris and **seconded** by Mr. Greaves to accept recommendation 1 which reads:

That the doctoral program in Molecular Biophysics (MOB) should be continued.

Passed

It was **moved** by Mr. Rasmussen and **seconded** by Mr. Jeffery to accept recommendation 2 which reads:

That the MOB program committee or its designate should review the contribution of MOB faculty affiliates every 5 years, so that the list of MOB faculty will be guaranteed to reflect those currently participating in the program. They may also wish to write guidelines for reinstatement in case a faculty member's MOB affiliation is discontinued.

Passed

It was **moved** by Ms. Hunt and **seconded** by Mr. Haas to accept recommendation 3 which reads:

That MOB, Chemistry, and Biology should increase communication and find solutions to problems which exist because of differences in the graduate program management of Chemistry and Biology, such as differences in graduate stipends and rules regarding the participation of MOB students as paid teaching assistants.

Passed with one abstention.

Recommendation 4 was not considered by the GPC. This recommendation reads:

That the MOB director should be allowed and expected to submit a letter of comment with respect to promotion and tenure of MOB faculty affiliates, and the letter should be included among the materials in the candidate's official promotion (and tenure) application.

Ms. Standley called upon Mr. Johnsen to present for discussion the proposed policy on graduate student's gpa computation. Mr. Johnsen explained to the committee that the GPA policy, as described in the information distributed to the committee in advance, has been used by the Registrar's Office for decades. He went on to say that the Registrar's Office needs approval of this formal written policy calculating GPA's for graduate students, which provides standard administrative procedures for computing GPA's at the graduate level. It should allow for individual exceptions to be approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies. He went on to say that this procedure is for students from FSU and is more closely aligned with the way students now pursue their educational goals. After a brief

discussion it was **moved** by Mr. Johnsen and **seconded** by Mr. Jeffery to accept the following recommendation:

1. The FSU GPA will start over for graduate students in the following admission/readmission circumstances:

a. When seven or more years have elapsed since a student was actively enrolled in a graduate degree program at FSU, or;

b. a student has earned a Masters/Specialist/Doctorate Degree from FSU and is seeking a second Masters/Specialist/Doctorate, or;

c. a student has earned a Masters/Specialist Degree from FSU and is seeking a Doctorate in a different major (6-digit major code).

2. The FSU GPA will not start over for graduate students in the following admission/readmission circumstances:

a. During any period of time less than seven years in which the student was not actively enrolled in a graduate degree program at FSU, or;

b. a student has earned a Masters/Specialist Degree from FSU and is seeking a Doctorate in the same major (6-digit major code).

3. All requests for exception to this policy must be endorsed by the student's academic dean and submitted to the Dean of Graduate Studies for approval.

Passed

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.