

## GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE ACTIONS

November 23, 1981

The Graduate Policy Committee met on Monday, November 23, 1981 in the University Conference Room, 201, Westcott, at 3:35 PM.

### Members present were:

Dr. Jayne M. Alley  
Dr. Carol E. Avery  
Dr. Charles E. Billings  
Dr. Doris H. Clack  
Prof. Marie E. Cowart  
Dr. Frederick L. Faust  
Dr. Daisy P. Flory  
Dr. Richard Hornby  
Dr. Robert M. Johnson  
Dr. Joseph R. McElrath  
Dr. Edward V. McIntyre  
Dr. Urban B. Ozanne  
Dr. George J. Papagiannis  
Prof. Edwin M. Schroeder  
Dr. Charles W. Swain

### Members absent were:

Dr. Wayne C. Minnick  
Dr. DeWitt L. Sumners  
Dr. Augustus B. Turnbull

### Apologies received from:

Dr. Curtis Krishef  
Dr. Patricia A. Rose

### Others present were

Dr. Billy Guice, Assoc. Dean, College of Education  
Ms. Joyce N. Howard, University Fellowships Coordinator  
Dr. Russell H. Johnsen, Assoc. Graduate Dean  
Dr. Andrew Oseroff, Interim Dept. Head, Childhood, Reading and Special Education

Dr. Alley called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM. She announced that item 2 on the agenda concerning TOEFL scores would be postponed to a later meeting because several interested faculty members were unable to be present at this meeting.

The Minutes of the September 26, 1981 meeting were unanimously approved.

Item #141. Proposal to combine the Bachelor's and Master's degree programs in two areas: 1) Mental Retardation, and 2) Visual Disabilities.

After discussion, the chairman asked for a motion. Dr. Billings moved that the committee approve the proposal for a joint program, and the motion was seconded. Dr. Swain noted that the committee really needed information on the kind of issues that were raised when the GPC approved the existing 5 year program in Learning Disabilities and Emotional Disturbances, on which the program is modeled. Dr. Cowart moved that the motion be tabled until more information was available on the content of the 5th year, and on the Learning Disabilities and Emotional Disturbances program. The motion to table was seconded and the vote was 11 in favor and 0 opposed with 1 abstention.

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Item #7     Report of the Subcommittee for Two-year follow up of Doctoral Program Reviews. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes.

Dr. Swain presented the report.

American Studies. A motion was passed to adopt the four recommendations made by the subcommittee with the following changes:

With respect to #2, it was decided to add the words "...at least" until the Spring Semester 1983...'

With respect to #3 and #4, it was decided to delete the words "to provide funding". The four recommendations were adopted by unanimous vote.

Art, Studio, MFA. The two recommendations of the subcommittee were adopted by unanimous vote.

Communications. Dr. Swain reported that the department is responding positively to the GPC's recommendations and the committee voted unanimously to adopt recommendations 3 and 4 of the subcommittee report.

Law. It was noted that the College of Law offers a program governed by very stringent professional requirements and although it is not strictly a graduate program, recent developments in the JD program comply with the GPC recommendations. The committee moved to adopt recommendations # 2 and #3 of the subcommittee with the following amendments:

With respect to #2, the item was re-worded to read: "That the Graduate Policy Committee commend Dean Slagle for his willingness to comply with the recommendations of the review committee, and to view the mission of the College of Law within the larger context of the University."

With respect to #3, the item was re-worded to read: "That the Graduate Policy Committee review its recommendation that the College of Law continue to work to improve the joint degree programs."

The motion was seconded and after discussion the committee voted to adopt the recommendations #2 and #3 of the subcommittee.

The vote was 11 in favor with one abstention.

The Committee voted to request a report from the College of Law in one year's time, November 1982, on the status of compliance with the above recommendations.

Mathematics. The committee voted to adopt the recommendations of the subcommittee.

Public Administration. It was moved to commend the program for its response to the review committee's recommendations. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Comprehensive Vocational Education. The report of W. H. Hinely was accepted as information (copy of report attached to these Minutes). A letter of thanks will be sent to Dr. Hinely.

Dr. Alley thanked Dr. Swain and Dr. Avery and other members of the subcommittee for their hard work in preparing the report.

Item #139. Subcommittee to monitor and assess the impact upon the graduate programs of the conversion to the semester system, as requested by the Faculty Senate 12/3/80.

Dr. Cowart presented an interim statement to the Committee and requested agenda time early in the Spring 1982 semester for discussion with GPC members about the impact on their specific departments. A final report will be forthcoming by November 1982.

Item #49. Request from Mr. Newton Williams to review the Graduate Policy Committee definition of "minority" for fellowship purposes, particularly as it relates to permanent resident aliens of minority groups.

Ms. Joyce Howard, the University Fellowship Coordinator, provided some background details leading up to Mr. Williams' request, and Dr. Russell Johnsen read the following statement from the Office of Minority Student Affairs:

"The Office of Minority Student Affairs at Florida State University shall support the educational needs and protect the interests of American ethnic and racial minorities that have a historical and continuing condition of oppression: Afro-American, Hispanic American, Native American Indians, and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders".

The committee voted on the motion to re-affirm its policy concerning eligibility for minority fellowships. The vote was 11 in favor, 1 opposed, no absentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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