

# GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE

Monday, February 20, 1984

## ACTIONS

### Present were:

Doris Clack  
Russell Johnsen  
Diana DiNitto  
Robert Kromhout  
William Marzluff, chairman  
Joseph McElrath  
Gregg Phifer  
Stephen Rollin  
George Papagiannis  
Douglas St Angelo  
Timothy Verdon  
James Ang

### Also present:

Dean Tuckman  
Ken Brewer  
Jack Hokanson  
Walter Dick  
Joyce Howard  
Pat Meredith, secretary

The meeting was called to order at 3:39 PM. The first item on the agenda involved old business. Dr. Marzluff announced that Dr. Sherwood had submitted a recommendation for the report on the review of the Graduate Program in Educational Foundations, as instructed by the GPC. A MOTION to accept the recommendation that all six members of the faculty in Educational Foundations programs currently holding doctoral directive status be continued in that status, was seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

The chairman announced that the vote on the plus-minus grading system proposal was anticipated to take place on March 14th in the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Marzluff then called upon Dr. Jack Hokanson to present the report of the Review of the Graduate Programs in Instructional Systems, Educational Psychology and Media Education.

Upon completion of the discussion, there was a MOTION to continue the programs in Instructional Systems, Educational Psychology and Media Education. The motion was seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

It was MOVED that all faculty who have doctoral directive responsibilities retain this status. The motion was seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

It was MOVED that Instructional Systems should be allowed to recruit new faculty for the position created when Drs. Gagne and Briggs elected to go on the early retirement programs. The motion was seconded and CARRIED unanimously. It was also decided to transmit the sentiment to Vice President Turnbull that all faculty positions created by early retirees should be governed by this general policy.

It was MOVED that the Educational Psychology program should institute procedures to enhance its identity. This could be accomplished by a) scheduling periodic faculty-student meetings and colloquia, b) more formal identification of faculty members from the participating departments whose areas of specialization relate to educational psychology. The motion was seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

It was MOVED that a careful survey should be conducted of graduate course offerings in other departments and colleges within the university that may be incorporated into a revised curriculum for Media Education. If this proves to be impossible, the committee recommends adding one full-time faculty position in order to meet the teaching requirements of its present curriculum. The motion was seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

It was MOVED that administrative procedures within the Department of Educational Research, Development, and Foundations (that apply to the three programs under review) should be reviewed by a departmental committee with regard to two issues: a) the efficient processing of paperwork that pertains to graduate students; b) the transmission of more detailed information about financial aid opportunities to applicants to the department. The motion was seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

The chairman thanked Dr. Hokanson and his committee for their hard work.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE  
Monday, February 13, 1984  
ACTIONS

Present were:

Jayne Standley  
Doris Clack  
Marie Cowart  
Russell Johnsen  
Jaakko Hintikka  
Robert Kromhout  
William Marzluff, chairman  
Joseph McElrath  
Gregg Phifer  
Kim Capko  
Stephen Rollin  
Douglas St. Angelo  
Timothy Verdon  
Edwin Schroeder  
James Ang

Also present:

Jeff Wool  
Joyce Howard  
Pat Meredith, secretary

The chairman called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM. Minutes of the meetings held on December 5, 1983, January 16, 1984 and January 24, 1984 were approved as submitted.

Dr. Marzluff called upon Mr. Jeff Wool of the student government executive to present the students' proposal for a plus/minus grading system.

Following further discussion, Dr. St Angelo MOVED that the GPC support a plus/minus grading system. The motion was seconded and CARRIED with one vote opposed.

Dr. Standley MOVED that the GPC does not recommend the inclusion of an A+ grade. The motion was seconded. Dr. Hintikka proposed an AMENDMENT that the grade of A+ be included, but with the numerical value of 4.0 so that the GPA remains unaffected. The amendment was seconded. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the amended motion, and the AMENDMENT FAILED. A vote was then taken on the original MOTION, that the GPC does not recommend the inclusion of an A+ grade, and the motion CARRIED with two votes opposed.

With respect to recommendation III of the Undergraduate Policy Committee, it was MOVED that the GPC adopt recommendations IIIA and IIIC as they relate to graduate programs:

IIIA: that all regulations currently tied to a specific GPA will remain exactly as they are (e.g., 3.0 for graduate students to remain in good academic standing).

IIIC: that all regulations currently tied to a specific grade average would be interpreted to mean the numerical average currently associated with that specific grade.

The Motion CARRIED with one vote opposed.

It was MOVED that the GPC adopt recommendation IV of the Undergraduate Policy Committee:

IV: that each college and department will review its current regulations as stated in the BULLETIN and make any changes it deems necessary to clarify its program requirements in light of the plus/minus system.

The Motion was seconded and CARRIED unanimously.

After consideration of Recommendation IIIB of the UPC Dr. Rollin proposed a substitute recommendation:

That all grade requirements must be stated with a numerical equivalent.

The MOTION was SECONDED and CARRIED unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.