

Graduate Policy Committee Actions

May 18, 1981

The Graduate Policy Committee met on Monday, May 18, 1981 in the University Conference Room, 201 Westcott.

Members present were:

Dr. Jayne M. Alley
Dr. Carol E. Avery
Dr. Frederick L. Jenks
Dr. Russell H. Johnsen, e.o.
Dr. F. J. King
Dr. William Marzluff
Dr. Joseph R. McElrath
Dr. DeWitt L. Sumners
Dr. Charles W. Swain

Members absent were:

Dr. Stuart E. Baker
Dr. Charles E. Billings
Dr. Virginia M. Brouch
Prof. Charles W. Ehrhardt
Dr. Daisy P. Flory, e.o.
Dr. John M. Goudeau
Dr. Joseph H. Grosslight
Mr. Michael Mangum
Dr. Wayne C. Minnick
Mr. Charles W. Noon
Dr. Gerald G. O'Connor
Dr. Elton Scott
Dr. Phillip E. Sorenson
Dr. Marjorie F. Sparkman
Dr. Gordon P. Waldo

Others present were:

Ms. Jessie Aloï, Assistant Director for Graduate and International Admissions
Mr. Frank J. Filek, International Admissions Officer
Dr. Gilbert N. Lazier, Associate Dean, Theatre
Dr. Ralph W. Yerger, Associate Dean, Arts and Sciences

Upon a motion by Dr. Russell Johnsen, a second by Dr. Sumner, and a unanimous vote the Minutes of April 20, 1981 were approved.

Item # 113: Report of the subcommittee considering the special needs and review procedures for interdisciplinary and inter-divisional programs

Dr. Jenks moved acceptance of the report, Dr. Sumner seconded the motion, and the report was accepted by unanimous vote.

The secretary was instructed to forward the report to the Vice President for Academic Affairs calling attention to the recommendation stated in the report as follows:

Our investigation suggests that many of the endemic problems of these programs might be alleviated if there were some clear signal of the university's commitment to these programs as an important part of its educational mission. One possible way to accomplish this would be to create a pattern of administrative oversight which recognizes the special problems and needs

of these programs, by locating accountability at the level of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Upon a motion by Dr. Russell Johnsen, a second by Dr. Sumner, and a unanimous vote the Graduate Policy Committee added the following review procedures for Interdisciplinary and Interdivisional Programs:

In addition to the standard indices of quality and support, special attention should be paid in reviewing interdisciplinary and/or interdivisional programs to:

- (1) administrative structure and support, including location of the program, governance, and potential for combining with other programs;
- (2) the procedure by which budgets for such programs are built and justified;
- (3) the level of cooperation by participating departments, including availability and scheduling of relevant courses, provisions for faculty recruitment and/or replacement, and assignment of and rewards for professional activities.

The above should be considered in the context of normal review procedures, while recognizing the unique contribution that interdisciplinary/interdivisional programs make to the total educational mission of the university.

Item # 7: Report of the subcommittee on the implementation of review recommendations for the master's programs in Interior Design, International Affairs, Leisure Services & Studies, Slavic and East European Studies and the M.F.A. in Theatre.

Dr. Sumner, Chairman of the Subcommittee, asked that the report be amended to give credit for most of the hard work to Dr. Sorenson and Dr. Swain.

Upon a motion by Dr. Avery, and a second by Dr. Jenks, the Graduate Policy Committee unanimously accepted the report.

Item # 7: Report of the subcommittee on the implementation of review recommendations for the master's program in Anthropology, Classics, Dance, East Asian Studies, and Geography.

Dr. Jenks moved that the report be accepted. With Dr. King's second the report was unanimously accepted.

Upon a motion by Dr. Sumner and a second by Dr. McElrath and a unanimous vote it was decided to write the departments and programs and let them know that the Graduate Policy Committee commends them upon their success in implementing the recommendations.

Item # 133: Report of the subcommittee on admission procedures for mature graduate students

Dr. Johnsen moved acceptance of the report and, with Dr. Sumner's second, the report was unanimously accepted.

It was the consensus that the matter should be studied in greater depth. The secretary was instructed to put the item on the fall agenda so that a study committee could be appointed to survey existing practices and procedures from the various departments on campus.

Item # 135: Scores required of international students on TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)

The Chairman reported that a committee was in the process of making a recommendation to the Graduate Policy Committee for its consideration. The Graduate Policy Committee would consider the item when the recommendation is presented.

Item # 136: Appointment of a subcommittee to study the duplication of graduate courses during the summer months

The following persons volunteered for service on the subcommittee:

Dr. Jayne Alley
Dr. William Marzluff
Dr. Joseph McElrath
Dr. Carol Avery (will be on campus from July to Fall term)

Item #105: Graduate Faculty Status Appointment

Upon a motion by Dr. Sumner, a second by Dr. Swain, the Committee unanimously accepted the report.