

Graduate Policy Council Actions

Monday, March 6, 1978

3:35 p.m.

216-A Westcott

The Graduate Policy Council met on Monday, March 6, 1978 in Room 216-A Westcott.

Members present were:

Dr. Frank W. Banghart  
Dr. John L. Bryant  
Dr. Theodore G. Chiricos  
Dr. Peter C. Dalton  
Dr. Bertram H. Davis  
Dr. Daisy P. Flory, e.o.  
Dr. Russell H. Johnsen, e.o.  
Dr. Ivan E. Johnson  
Dr. Eugene F. Kaelin  
Dr. Margaret Kassouny  
Dr. Patricia Y. Martin  
Dr. Eugene D. Nichols  
Dr. Elston E. Roady  
Dr. William A. Shrode  
Dr. Jack A. Taylor  
Dr. Harry M. Walborsky

Members absent were:

Dr. Jacob G. Beard  
Dr. Dona L. Hedrick  
Dr. Robert M. Johnson, e.o.  
Dr. Richard L. Rubenstein

Also attending:

Mrs. Billie Tharp, Assistant Director for Graduate and International Admissions

Dr. Ralph Yerger, Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences

Item # 105: Consideration of the committee's report on university-wide standards for awarding doctoral directive status.

Dr. Dalton, chairman of the committee to review and to maintain a continuing review of the university-wide standards for awarding doctoral directive status, presented the committee's report for the Council's consideration.

Upon a motion by Dr. Jack Taylor, and its second, the Council unanimously adopted the recommendation of the committee asking only that ambiguity be avoided by changing the word "qualifications" in the first line of the third from last paragraph to "criteria." A copy of the policy as it was adopted and as it will be sent to the Faculty Senate appears below:

#### POLICY GOVERNING GRADUATE FACULTY MEMBERSHIP

**GRADUATE FACULTY.** Any member of the Instructional Faculty of the university may be considered for membership on the Graduate Faculty. Membership is determined on the basis of the individual's function and qualifications.

Because of the functional character of the designation, appointments are not necessarily indicative of qualifications. It is quite possible, for example, for an individual fully qualified to direct doctoral dissertations not to be so designated for the simple reason that the doctorate is not offered in his field.

On the other hand, no individual may be authorized to discharge functions for which he is not qualified. Thus, on occasions, hopefully rare, it may be necessary to forego certain functions for lack of qualified personnel.

Two categories of functional responsibility and authority exist on the Graduate Faculty: (1) Master's Directive and (2) Doctoral Directive.

The minimum functional authority, attendant qualifications and procedures of appointment for each category are elaborated below:

a. **Master's Directive.** Members of the Graduate Faculty with "Master's Directive Responsibility" are authorized to: (1) teach graduate-level courses, (2) serve as Major Professor for master's degree students, and (3) serve on Supervisory Committees for doctoral students, provided each such Committee includes at least three members with Doctoral Directive Status.

Subject to consideration of special circumstances, minimum qualifications are completion of a doctorate or its equivalent and proven ability to conduct scholarly research and publish in reputable media or to perform equivalent scholarly or creative works.

Departments will determine criteria and procedures for appointments, subject to the approval of the dean of the college or school. Names of new appointees will be sent to the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research for confirmation, with the advice and consent of the Graduate Policy Council.

b. **Doctoral Directive.** Members of the Graduate Faculty with "Doctoral Directive Status" are authorized to perform all functions appropriate to graduate education.

Subject to consideration of special circumstances, the minimum qualifications for appointment are: (1) attainment of recognized professional stature in the discipline by virtue of substantial postdoctoral or equivalent scholarly or creative work and (2) experience in the supervision of graduate students.

Colleges or schools will determine criteria for appointments, subject to the approval of the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, with the advice and consent of the Graduate Policy Council. All departmental nominations for appointment will be reviewed by a school- or college-wide committee. That committee's recommendations for acceptance or rejection of nominations will be sent to the dean of the school or college for confirmation. Names of new appointees will be sent to the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research for confirmation, with the advice and consent of the Graduate Policy Council.

Appointments to the Graduate Faculty in this category will be for five years only, and will be reviewed in the fifth year. Appointments will be renewed only if the faculty member's teaching and research have continued to be of at least the quality that justified the original appointment. The procedure for renewing an appointment will be the same as that used in originally making it.

No graduate student of this institution may be appointed to its graduate faculty. Nor may a graduate student have primary teaching responsibilities in any graduate course except by specific approval of the dean of the college or school with a report of the appointment and its justification to the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. Under no circumstances may a graduate student be appointed as a member of another graduate student's advisory and examining committee.

Item #7: A progress report from Dr. Kaelin, chairman of the committee to review reports to ascertain the degree of compliance with the Council's recommendations

On behalf of the committee Dr. Kaelin requested that it be allowed to continue its work and make a report to the Council during Fall Quarter of the 1978-79 academic year. He perceived the document as an important and precedent-setting one which should not be hurried.

The Council voted unanimously to grant the committee's request.

Item #104: A progress report on the proposed recommendation for relaxation of the requirement that seminars have a minimum of seven students enrolled

The Council received Dr. Kaelin's interim report; he requested information on the seminar/class size rule from thirteen universities and has received responses from only seven.

Item # 99: Recommended changes for the Section on Satisfactory-Unsatisfactory Course Option (1977-78 University Catalog)

Upon a motion by Dr. Kaelin, and a second by Dr. Walborsky, the Council voted unanimously to send the former recommendation back to the Faculty Senate without change.

The Council adjourned at 4:25 p.m.