

**GRADUATE POLICY COMMITTEE  
ACTIONS  
OCTOBER 14, 1985**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Steve Rollin  
Russell H. Johnsen  
Stuart Baker  
William Marzluff  
Dianne Montgomery  
Shirley Aaron  
Bonnie Greenwood  
Steve Loflin  
Paul Bryant  
Thomas Blomberg  
Marie Cowart  
Steve Edwards  
William Haas  
Lawrence George  
Jayne Standley  
Anjaneyulu Krothapalli  
Patricia Rose  
George Papagiannis  
Joseph McElrath  
David Rasmussen  
John Albright  
Jaakko Hintikka  
Steve Celec

**ALSO PRESENT**

Joyce Howard  
Donna Wieckowicz

Steve Rollin called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM. The first order of business was further discussion on the majority vote of supervisory committee for the approval of dissertations. Jayne Standley recommended that the Committee reject the entire procedure as outlined in the Review of Doctoral Committee Structure and Function as submitted by Drs. Marzluff and Rollin. She went on to say that the quality control should remain with the departments and not become a bureaucratic procedure. Stuart Baker agreed with Dr. Standley and made a motion to the GPC for the approval of his recommendations which are:

1. Dissertation approval must be unanimous.
2. If a majority of the committee disapprove, the student must rewrite until all approve -- or give up.
3. If there is an impasse, but a majority approve the dissertation, the Dean of Graduate Studies will replace the dissenting member(s) of the committee.
4. Procedures then recycle to item 1. If a second impasse develops, the dissertation is disapproved.

The **motion** was **seconded** by William Marzluff. After a lengthy discussion Dr. Rollin called for a vote on the recommendation. There were thirteen yes and five no. **Motion** carried. The recommendation will be presented to the Faculty Senate for approval.

Steve Rollin opened for further discussion the Review of Doctoral Committee Structure and Function report. Each item of the report was submitted for approval to the Committee. Each item **failed**.

Steve Rollin then discussed President Merrill Hintikka's previous recommendations made to the GPC at the 9/23/85 meeting. After a brief discussion Dr. Marzluff recommended that item 4 (Coordinating GPC reviews with those mandated by the Board of Regents) should be changed to the year before or after the Board of Regents review. Dr. Rollin will contact the Faculty Senate Steering Committee regarding item 4 and requested the Committee members discuss these recommendations with their colleagues. At a future meeting the item will be placed on the floor for further discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.