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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #869

October 23, 1997

Present: Bruess, Gable (for Dedrick), Hanson, Hays, Ishler (for Smaldino), Kirmani, Mehta (for Kalkwarf), Raiklin, Safford, Schrage, Terlip (for Bankston), Thomas, Walker

Absent: Bozylinsky, Chao, Jackson, Osman, Somervill

Hanson moved that Minutes #868 be approved as published. Motion was seconded by Bruess and passed.

Walker presented a letter Somervill had sent to Provost Marlin regarding the Policy Proposal: "University of Northern Iowa Policy for Responding to Allegations of Scientific Misconduct." Professor Hans Isakson, Chairperson of University Faculty Senate, was contacted by Somervill to schedule the policy for review by the Senate. Because the Senate will most likely not address the policy until Spring of 1998, the proposal will be submitted to the Cabinet for review with the understanding that the Senate and/or United Faculty may recommend revisions following their review at a later date.

Walker presented information on Graduate College Research and Creative Activity Support in the context of the continuing discussion of decentralization. Ishler commented that by decentralizing these funds for research and travel, it could diminish Graduate College status. Kirmani stated that most people would not want to see these funds decentralized and would like to see more money allotted for this support. Hays moved that the Graduate Council endorses the present system of allocating funds by the Graduate College for research and travel, but it is imperative that more money is allotted to this account. Gable seconded the motion and it passed.

Schrage discussed the possibility of a Graduate Student Research Paper Award. This would be a separate award program for research papers for students who are in non-thesis programs or who choose to do a separate project for their degree. This type of award would bring more recognition to these students and their programs. Ishler suggested making the award inclusive by accepting both papers and projects. Schrage moved that the Graduate Council supports the idea of a Research Paper Award. Ishler seconded the motion. Gable added a friendly amendment, stating that the Graduate Council will approach this proposal by forming a sub-committee to establish criteria for the award. Motion passed. Kirmani will form a sub-committee at a later date. The deadline for the committee report will be December 1997.

Schrage suggested the Graduate Council consider supporting a graduate student reception in the Fall. The purpose of this reception would be to build and enhance the community of graduate students. Kirmani said this could be an opportunity for the graduate students to meet the Graduate Council. Schrage suggested instituting a reception for Fall of 1998. There will be further discussion at a later date to consider

forming a committee to plan for this event.

The meeting adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stejskal
Secretary

Next meeting will be November 13, 1997 at 3:30 p.m. in Seerly 3.