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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #867

September 25, 1997

Present: Bankston, Bruess, Chao, Gable (for Dedrick), Hanson, Jackson, Kalkwarf, Kirmani, Martin (for Safford), Osman, Raiklin, Schrage, Somervill, Thomas, Walker

Absent: Bozylinsky, Hays, S. Smaldino

Thomas moved that Minutes #866 be approved as published. Motion was seconded by Hanson and passed.

Somervill reported that Graduate Council information is now available on the Graduate College web page at www.grad.uni.edu. The information will include the current agenda, membership list, minutes from the current year, and reports as well as general information about the Graduate College. Minutes from past years will be added back to 1994-5. At the present time, the agenda and current minutes are available at this site.

Somervill discussed the request from departments concerning recruitment funds from the Graduate College. There has been some success from this funding, so the Graduate College will reserve \$2000, with a \$100 limit per department, for recruitment efforts. Department heads may submit a written request for funds, outlining their use.

Somervill reported on the official enrollment count for the 1997 Fall Semester. Total graduate enrollment increased 6.1%. Enrollment for new graduate students increased 30%. Former graduate student enrollment was up 0.6%. For non-resident new graduate students, there was an increase of 21.7%. Total non-resident graduates increased 11.5%. Total minority enrollment was up 9.5%, while new minority graduate students increased 8.8%.

Walker reminded the Council that committees for the Distinguished Scholar Award and Outstanding Thesis and Outstanding Dissertation Award must be selected by October 9. Individual letters have been sent to advisors about the October 10th nomination deadline for theses and dissertations.

Jackson reported back to the Council concerning Hans Isakson's request for an undergraduate representative on the Graduate College Curriculum Committee. Jackson said that the Regent's deadlines will be met, and as a result, an undergraduate representative should not be needed.

Somervill began discussion on the 3rd Draft of the Policy on Scientific Misconduct by addressing written comments submitted by Chao and R. Campbell. After lengthy discussion, Somervill requested that any ideas or changes concerning examples found in the appendix be e-mailed to him, so new ideas can be considered at the next meeting. Somervill suggested that the Council approve the policy pending revisions

discussed at the September 25th meeting. The question was raised about who is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the policy. Somervill stated the Graduate Council should take initial responsibility for approval of this policy. It will then be submitted to the Faculty Senate for their review and finally to the Cabinet for final approval. Raiklin moved to approve the policy, pending the revision of recommended changes by the Graduate Council at its next meeting. Osman seconded the motion. Hanson suggested postponing any action until after changes had been made. Council voted in favor of approving the policy pending the revision of recommended changes at the October 9 Council meeting.

Council members need to submit the name of their alternate, in writing, to Mary Ann Hesse in order for the alternate to be able to vote on Council matters. Following is a listing of designated (voting) alternates:

Graduate Council Member Alternate

Ernest Raiklin
Paul Chao
Syed Kirmani
Curtiss Hanson
Charles Dedrick
Sharon Smaldino
Ronnie Bankston
Calvin Thomas
Augustine Osman
Gregory Bruess
John Kalkwarf
Christine Schrage
Herbert Safford
Garrett Bozylinsky
Peggy Ishler
Sarina Chen
DeVang Mehta
Doug Meinecke
Kate Martin

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stejskal
Secretary

Next meeting will be October 9, 1997 at 3:30 p.m. in Seerly 3.