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# UNI Graduate Council Minutes #848

February 8, 1996

Present: Chao, Crew, Decker, Dungan, East, Fahmy, Highnam (for Hageman), Ishler, Meeker, Quirk, Raiklin, Safford, Shields, Somervill, Stefanich, Walker

Absent: V. Jackson, Yohe

Visitors: Susann Doody, Joane McKay (College of Education); Ed Brown, Virginia Berg, Barbara Hetrick (Biology); Jerry Duea, Sherry Gable (Educational Psychology & Foundations); Roger Kueter, Mary Selke (Teaching); Ira Simet, Duane Bartak, Kirk Manfredi (Chemistry); Frank Thompson (Finance); Ken De Nault (Earth Science)

Minutes #847 were approved as published.

Somervill asked that Council members review the second draft of the Graduate Assistantship system document for discussion at the next meeting. It will be discussed at the Dean's Student Advisory Committee meeting on February 15. Somervill distributed information regarding additional funds required for various levels of stipend increase. Council members were asked to send their suggestions or comments to Somervill.

Walker reported that all of the \$25,000 allocated for graduate student travel have been dispersed. However, students can continue to apply in case some funds are not utilized. Somervill noted that this has been a great benefit to students presenting at conferences. Shields said that she had been able to get additional support from a conference because of the support from the University.

Quirk asked if the Strategic Plan will come before the Council as it was not mentioned in President Koob's memo. Somervill said that it probably would not, but at least there is some mention of graduate education in the document. Crew said he would include it on the agenda to be discussed at a future meeting.

Hetrick summarized the request from Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Science to have 9 hours of research included in the 30 hours required for the MS degree. She said that the amount of time students must spend on research is vastly disproportionate to the credit they receive and this would come closer to recognizing the amount of research required for the degree. She noted that this problem is common to the sciences and that the request would only apply to the MS degree. She said that it is supported by both Iowa and Iowa State Universities. Quirk moved acceptance of the request. Motion was seconded. Shields asked if the programs would have to go through the curricular process to include this change. It was thought that it would be necessary. Shields made a friendly amendment to have the change be effective with this curricular cycle. East expressed concern with acting that quickly. Fahmy noted that catalog

language would have to be modified to reflect the policy change. Crew noted that this would reduce the amount of coursework required from 24 to 21 hours. East recommended reconsidering the language which would be included in the catalog. Shields withdrew her friendly amendment and proposed an amendment to the motion that language be included so that the change would be effective with the current curricular cycle. The amendment was seconded and passed. The motion as amended passed. Representatives from the programs will draft appropriate catalog language in consultation with the Graduate College Curriculum Committee.

Doody summarized the request from the College of Education on the proposed rewording of the residency requirement for the Doctor of Education degree. She said that the proposal arises out of the program review process and asked that the request be approved effective with this curricular cycle. Meeker moved that the change be approved. Motion was seconded. Shields asked why this wasn't proposed during the curricular process and Doody said that the college package had already been approved when this was proposed. Stefanich noted that most of the EdD students are fully employed elsewhere and are taking classes part-time, so they typically are on campus only for their night class. Ishler said that they have learned from the MA programs that cohort groups coming to campus for summer classes have strengthened the program. Fahmy asked if the summer budget would impact being able to offer the necessary classes. Doody said that actually this change would somewhat ease things as they have had to provide 9 hours during the summer but can now spread out the hours. East said that there should be a minimum number of hours required to be on-campus courses. Shields made a friendly amendment to change "may" to "will" in the last sentence of the proposal. East made a friendly amendment to add "12 of these hours must be on campus." Motion was passed with the exact wording to be determined based on the amendments.

Kueter summarized a request for the Council to consider approval of a new program, the Master of Arts in Education: Professional Development, after the deadline. He said that both the Graduate College Curriculum Committee and Graduate Council chairs had been alerted that this might be needed and said that the delay was due to additional information and consultations requested. Quirk asked if the program had been approved by the college curriculum committee and Kueter said that it was being considered by them now. Somervill noted that there was some confusion when this was originally proposed as to whether it would be a new program or a modification of an existing program and this caused some delay. It was also delayed due to concerns expressed by the administration. He emphasized that this program is coming from the faculty and not from the administration. Fahmy asked how soon the program would clear the college curriculum committee and college senate. An exact date was not known. Duea asked if it wasn't unusual to have students enrolled in a program before it has been approved? Kueter replied that there were no students enrolled in the program. Doody said that there were some pre-MA students taking courses on a non-degree basis but they were within the 12 hour limit before filing the GF1 form. Stefanich asked which department had initiated the program and Kueter replied that the Department of Teaching had. Stefanich asked if they were eligible to initiate academic programs for

graduate students. Somervill said that there was nothing to prevent them and that he had been assured that the courses would be taught by Graduate Faculty. Kueter noted that there are 23 Graduate Faculty in the Department of Teaching, which has two major divisions-- Price Laboratory School and the Office of Student Field Experiences. Doody noted that this request would be an exception to the 1989 policy established by the Council, but asked that the program be considered when it reached this point in the process. Duea asked what the rush was if there are no students enrolled? Shields said there were students which would have to be declaring a program of study. Simet noted that the program can come to the Council in the fall under regular curricular procedures. Shields felt that it would be impossible to give complete consideration to a new program this semester when it was not yet ready. Thompson said that the process shouldn't be bypassed because it should only improve the program. Somervill noted that in the past, rushing a proposed program through only had negative effects and had hurt the start of the program; therefore the Council should not be pressured to act.

Quirk moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hesse  
Secretary

Next meeting will be February 22, 1996 at 3:30 p.m. in Seerley 3