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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #844

October 12, 1995

Present: Chao, Crew, Dungan, East, Fahmy, Heller (for Ishler), Meeker, Quirk, Shields, Somervill, Stefanich, Walker

Absent: Das, Decker, Hageman, V. Jackson, Safford, Yohe

Visitors: Nancy Marlin (Vice President and Provost)

Minutes #843 were approved as published.

Somervill said that he had drafted a letter to graduate coordinators and department heads encouraging them to attend the Graduate Faculty meeting and asking them to also encourage faculty and graduate students in their departments to attend. Somervill distributed full-time enrollment data by program. He noted that there has been a drop of 48 full-time students, with a modest decline in some programs and a significant decline in others. This has reversed a six-year trend of growth in the number of full-time, on-campus degree students. However, he also noted that the actual number of graduate students has increased by 50.

Walker reported that he had already received 8 theses and 4 dissertations for consideration for the Outstanding Thesis and Outstanding Dissertation awards. The deadline for submission is tomorrow, October 13. The committee will begin reviewing the papers next week and will report at the November 9 meeting. Walker reminded Council members that Monday, October 16 is the deadline for nominations for the Distinguished Scholar award. That committee will report at the November 9 meeting. He said that a copy of the guidelines will be attached to the April announcement of the award which is distributed to Graduate Faculty. He emphasized that the process must begin with the Graduate Faculty in each department rather than with the head and/or dean. There are no self-nominations.

Walker said that there needs to be two Council members selected to serve on the Distinguished Scholar committee with Barbara Lounsberry, Greg Stefanich and Al Hays. Stefanich nominated Decker. Nomination was seconded. Fahmy nominated Chao. Nomination was seconded. Quirk moved that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for these two to serve on the committee. Motion was seconded and passed. Walker will contact Decker.

Stefanich distributed a list of possible questions to be posed to President Koob for him to address at the Graduate Faculty meeting. After some suggestions for deleting and revising some of the questions, it was suggested that the topic be more open-ended so President Koob can describe what he sees as the important issues and concerns. Specific questions could be asked as follow-up if the topics are not covered in the address. Shields said that having a list of specific topics to be covered might increase attendance at the meeting. After further discussion, Stefanich said that he thought he

would ask President Koob to share his vision of graduate education at UNI. He thanked Council members for their input. Somervill said that there would be coffee and cookies available for the meeting.

Crew said that Barbara Lounsberry has requested a Council member to serve on the Regents Awards for Faculty Excellence Committee. Stefanich moved that Crew be the representative. Motion was seconded and passed.

Items to be publicized include the Graduate Faculty meeting.

Stefanich moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hesse
Secretary

Next meeting will be October 26, 1995 at 3:30 p.m. in Seerley 3