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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #831

September 8, 1994

Present: Chao, Crew, Decker, Durham, East, Fahmy, Ishler, V. Jackson, Quirk, Somervill, Walker

Absent: Clohesy, Das, Lew, Safford, Yohe

Visitors: Nancy Marlin (Vice President and Provost); Ahmed Elsayy (Industrial Technology); Ira Simet (Chemistry); Constance Ulmer (Curriculum and Instruction)

Minutes #830 were approved as published.

Durham nominated Fahmy for Chair of the Graduate Council. Nomination was seconded. Quirk moved that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Fahmy. Motion was seconded and passed.

Durham nominated Quirk for Vice-Chair. Nomination was seconded. Durham moved that nominations cease. Motion was seconded and passed. Durham moved that Quirk be elected by acclamation. Motion was seconded and passed.

Fahmy thanked Simet for his years of service and leadership on the Council.

Fahmy said that agenda meetings will continue to be held the Monday prior to Council meetings so if anyone has agenda items, contact Quirk, Durham, or him.

Somervill said that the graduate full-time/part-time enrollment will probably be about the same as last year. He reported that Vice President Marlin had allocated ten new assistantships for this year as well as \$15,000 in travel support for graduate students presenting at conferences, and noted that this was not at the expense of the faculty travel budget. Walker said that the guidelines for graduate students would be similar to those for faculty travel, but with a maximum allocation of \$450. Application forms are available in the Graduate College office. Somervill reported that he had met with all the deans or their designee this summer to discuss the assistantship system and to determine all allocations for the 1995-96 academic year. The allocations included the ten additional assistantships. Quirk thanked Marlin for the additional graduate support.

The report from the Committee on Criteria for Graduate Faculty Status was distributed with discussion and action set for the next meeting.

Vice President Marlin announced that the Board of Regents had met and UNI has asked for a 4.2% increase in undergraduate tuition and that graduate tuition be equalized with Iowa and Iowa State. A student did speak against this, indicating that he felt that UNI had lower quality programs. Somervill noted that there are 12 hours of 200-

level courses required on graduate programs and that graduate students are expected to do more than undergraduate students to earn graduate credit in 100g courses. He suggested that a topic for discussion this year could be the amount of 200-level hours required on graduate programs.

East suggested that the Graduate Council establish a set of guidelines to be used by those proposing curricular changes. Simet recommended that the Graduate College Curriculum Committee draft these.

Items to be publicized include the additional assistantships, the travel funds for graduate students, and the election of Graduate Council officers.

Ishler asked if these assistantships are currently available and Somervill reported that they had already been allocated following a meeting with the deans. There was a discussion of assistantships as a match on external grants and Somervill said they must be requested from the Graduate College when the grant is submitted, not when it is received as assistantships are typically distributed before that.

Council members were reminded to submit the name of their alternate, in writing, to the Graduate College Office before the next meeting.

Durham moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hesse
Secretary

Next meeting will be September 22 at 3:30 p.m. in Seerley 3