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# UNI Graduate Council Minutes #818

April 8, 1993

Present: Dolgener (for Huddleston), Durham, Fahmy, Gaies, V. Jackson, Jakubowski, Maier, R. Martin, Safford, Simet, S. Smaldino, Somervill, Walker, Yohe

Absent: Chao, Lew

Visitors: Nancy Marlin (Vice President and Provost); Tom Fogarty (Geography); Phil Patton (Registrar)

Minutes #817 were approved as published.

Somervill announced that so far he has received the Graduate Assistant evaluation forms from only 11 programs: Sociology and Anthropology, Communication Studies, MBA, Public Policy, Art, English, Theatre, Spanish, Special Education, Marketing, and History. He will be making further requests to the remaining programs.

The following procedures have been adopted for the admission of international graduate students: International Services will send all application materials to the department, regardless of the TOEFL score. The department will review these in terms of academics and decide whether or not to admit the student. If the student's TOEFL score falls below 500, a letter will be sent indicating that the student is acceptable to the department but the TOEFL score needs to be improved and providing information on available alternatives. Therefore, the acceptability of the student based on academics and the TOEFL are two separate decisions. Jackson said that procedures are being developed so students get as unambiguous response from UNI as possible.

Fogarty asked if the Graduate Assistant evaluation forms should be used this semester and Somervill said that they should. If the form is changed, then a copy of the revised form should be forwarded to the Graduate College. The results of the evaluation do not have to be reported to the Graduate Council. The intent is to ensure a systematic evaluation for departmental use. The results should be reviewed by the graduate coordinator and/or department head to see if changes need to be made.

Yohe said that in the last three years, almost every component of the campus computer system has been replaced. When the digital VAX was installed three years ago, there were 1500 accounts; now there are 7500 accounts. Authorization has been received to replace this with new technology which will have twice the capacity and will be faster. He said that bi-directional video is almost ready and that the fiber optic network is coming along well.

Safford said that he has a listing of Internet bulletin boards. If anyone is interested in looking at the list, contact him.

Walker announced that tomorrow is the last day that the Graduate College will be in Bartlett. The new location is 1 Seerley. Phone numbers will remain the same. The new zip code is 0702.

Durham moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hesse  
Secretary

Next meeting will be April 22 at 3:30 p.m. in 3 SEERLEY.