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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #804

February 27, 1992

Present: Clayson, Durham, Fahmy, V. Jackson, Jones, Lew, Maier, R. Martin, S. Smaldino, Somervill, Swensen, Walker

Absent: Berg, Mills, Safford, Yohe

Visitors: Marlene Strathe (Assistant Vice President); John Fecik (Industrial Technology); Glenn Hansen, Jim Bodensteiner (Continuing Education and Special Programs)

Minutes #803 were approved as published.

Dean Somervill said that there has been a request for a listing of Graduate Faculty willing to serve on doctoral committees.

Walker said that there has been a good response to the research and creative interest survey and that there will be follow-up calls to those who have not yet returned their forms.

Jackson reported that there were 13 applicants for the McElroy Fellowship and that the Awards Competition Committee will be meeting to determine whether to forward any to President Curris.

Somervill summarized the concerns expressed at the last meeting concerning offering on-campus Continuing Education courses. Smaldino asked how it was determined which courses would be offered which way. Strathe said that the number of spaces needed in General Education was looked at and a core General Education program developed. Duplication of courses between Continuing Education and on-campus was eliminated. All workshops will be offered through Continuing Education. Smaldino asked how the success of these decisions will be evaluated. Strathe said that the goal is to have the regular summer school budget break even. To do this, she felt that each college had to be close to breaking even. Somervill noted that Continuing Education serves a different purpose and should not be seen simply as an alternate form of summer employment. Hansen said that faculty teaching through Continuing Education do no advising or other outside activities, however they are not on TIAA.

Swensen read the report from the Graduate Faculty Status Committee. Somervill said that it was an NCA concern that there is virtually no criteria for Graduate Faculty status. It should be restricted to those involved in and interested in graduate education. Fahmy read a memo from Sue Doody stating that representatives from the doctoral programs feel that the wording in the Graduate Faculty Constitution provides sufficient basis for program specific definition and appointment of dissertation chairpersons and so they are not requesting a constitutional amendment.

Walker asked about the plans for publicizing the upcoming Graduate Faculty meeting. It has been published in previous Graduate Council minutes, Maier will contact Public Relations to have something put in the Campus News Network, and a flyer will be sent closer to the date.

Smaldino moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hesse
Secretary

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 12, 1992 at 3:30 p.m. in Gilchrist Board Room