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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #803

February 13, 1992

Present: Berg, Clayson, Fecik (for Fahmy), Jones, Lowell (for Durham), Maier, R. Martin, Rose (for Safford), S. Smaldino, Somervill, Swensen, Walker

Absent: V. Jackson, Lew, Mills, Yohe

Visitors: Gerald Bisbey (Institutional Studies); Bruce Rogers (Educational Psychology and Foundations)

Minutes #802 were approved as published.

Dean Somervill said that there will be an announcement soon concerning opportunities for graduate fellowships through the NASA Space Consortium grant. The dates and guidelines for the awarding of Graduate Assistantships have been distributed. Forms and guidelines for Summer Tuition Scholarships will be distributed toward the end of February.

Walker said that the research and creative activity survey has been distributed and encouraged all faculty to complete and return the forms. The results will be compiled into a booklet.

Maier announced that there will be a Graduate Faculty Meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30 in Room 109 of the Business Building. This is a fifth Monday so there should be few conflicts with other meetings. She has asked Dr. Leslie Sims, the new Graduate Dean from the University of Iowa, to speak.

Swensen distributed a memo from Thomas Remington concerning the Incomplete policy. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Swensen distributed a memo from Bruce Rogers concerning guidance for departments on how much coursework should be taken outside a department. He said that he felt this issue was within the purview of the Graduate Council. Somervill said that curriculum should be determined by departments and not by the Graduate Council. Berg said that a student's program depends not only on the department involved but also on the background and needs of an individual student. Somervill said that the Council has encouraged exposure to faculty outside the department through the outside member on the thesis or dissertation committee. Swensen said that a common complaint of English department students is that because of the outside courses required, there is not enough time to take all of the desired English courses.

Smaldino asked about using the Summer Tuition Scholarship for support of on-campus continuing education classes. Somervill said that the Graduate College will not fund

these courses. There are limited tuition funds available for the summer so not all eligible students will be supported. Departments should advise their students of this. Departments will rank their students for summer support. They should give consideration to non-resident minority students, international students, and students with other hardships. Rogers said that whomever controls the Summer School budget should be questioned about the ethics of having departments offer regular courses through on-campus continuing education. Berg said that part of the problem in not being able to offer graduate courses is the need for many sections of undergraduate courses. After discussion, the Council decided to ask Marlene Strathe and Glen Hansen to address the issue of long term graduate implications of summer budget decisions and funding. Somervill reminded faculty to send him information concerning graduate students who have had a paper accepted or have received an award or some other honor related to their graduate program.

Clayson moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hesse
Secretary

Next meeting will be Thursday, February 27, 1992 at 3:30 p.m. in Gilchrist Board Room