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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #802

January 23, 1992

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

Absent: V. Jackson, Mills, Yohe

Visitors: Carolyn Shields (English Language and Literature); Ralph Scott (Educational Psychology and Foundations); David Duncan (Mathematics and Computer Science); Geraldine Perreault (Education and Student Services)

Minutes #801 were approved as published.

Dean Somervill said that information and deadlines for 1992-93 Graduate Assistantships will be distributed in the next couple of weeks and that the assistantship budget is uncertain. The main purpose of the early dates is to enable UNI to compete for new, highly qualified students.

Walker expressed his personal gratitude to those faculty who are reading theses for the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools competition. He has started compiling a booklet outlining research and creative activity interests so that faculty can have a better idea of what other faculty are interested in for collaborative efforts. A survey will be distributed in early February. Walker is asking faculty to please complete and return the survey form.

Ralph Scott read a statement regarding an appeal concerning the dropping of 20:230 from the list of required courses on two counseling majors. He felt that proper procedures had not been followed. Fahmy read a statement from Ann Vernon, who was unable to be at the meeting. Shields said that the Graduate College Curriculum Committee had felt that procedures were followed and that it was not their charge at the University level to reverse curricular decisions made at the department level for a change in requirements on a major. After some discussion, it was felt that this was not a Graduate Council matter, but rather something to be decided at the department and collegiate levels. Fahmy encouraged Scott to open communication lines with the department and ask them to reconsider the decision.

Somervill said that an update to the Graduate College Strategic Plan had been drafted. Three priorities of the plan are the Graduate Assistantship system, faculty research and travel, and adequate support for the Sponsored Programs Office. Copies of the update will be sent to Council members for discussion at a later meeting.

Fahmy said that he had been questioned about graduate student representation on the Council. Somervill said that in the past, the president of the Graduate Student

Organization has attended meetings, but at this time there is no GSO, although Jackson is attempting to organize student representatives from departments. He said that students are always welcome to attend the meetings.

Safford announced that there are copies of the Fisher Committee report on reserve at the Library.

Somervill said that he had been notified that two Psychology students had papers accepted for presentation at national meetings and that Dr. Marlin had written a letter of congratulations to both. He encouraged faculty to notify him or Jackson when students achieve some honor which should be recognized and/or publicized.

Maier 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, February 13, 1992 at 3:30 p.m. in Gilchrist Board Room