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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #801

December 5, 1991

Present: Clayson, Durham, Fahmy, V. Jackson, Jones, Lew, Maier, R. Martin, K. Martin (for Safford), Swensen, Walker, Wiens (for Berg), Yohe

Absent: Mills, S. Smaldino, Somervill

Visitors: Nancy Marlin (Vice President and Provost); John Fecik (Industrial Technology); Carolyn Shields (English Language and Literature)

Minutes #800 were approved as published

Walker said that Dean Somervill was unable to attend today's meeting because he was at the Council of Graduate Schools meeting in Washington, D.C. Walker reported that Summer Fellowship letters will be distributed next week. He said that there were 22 PDL applications and that funds were available for 15. That committee will be meeting tomorrow. Walker also reported that there were 39 theses in the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools Outstanding Thesis competition.

Shields asked if there were any questions concerning the Graduate College Curriculum Committee report. Clayson moved to approve the graduate curricular changes from the College of Business Administration. Motion was seconded and passed. Swensen moved to approve the graduate curricular changes from the College of Natural Sciences. Motion was seconded and passed. Durham moved to approve the graduate curricular changes from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Motion was seconded. Maier moved to change #5 in the History listings from 95:157g to 96:157g. Motion was seconded and passed. Yohe noted that at this time the computer facilities for 97:1xxg Geographic Information Systems are not available. Motion to approve the curricular changes passed as amended. After discussion concerning the extensive changes in Geography's offerings, Maier moved to invite the new Geography head to present to the Council at his earliest convenience next semester the department's plans for graduate education. Motion was seconded and passed. Fahmy will invite Dr. Suckling to meet with us next semester. Jones moved to approve the graduate curricular changes from the College of Education. Motion was seconded and passed. Lew moved to approve the graduate curricular changes from the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. Motion was seconded and passed. A copy of the report is attached.

Shields recommended that letters of commendation be sent to members of the Graduate College Curriculum Committee for the fine work they did in the three weeks available to them. Shields also reported that the Committee, as a group, tendered its resignation so that the Council could appoint a new Committee according to its guidelines. Fahmy thanked Shields for her leadership during the curricular process and expressed the appreciation of the Council to her and the entire Committee.

Fahmy reported that there were four dissertations nominated for the Outstanding Dissertation Award. However, the Committee has decided not to make an award this year, but did request that letters of recognition be sent to the nominees. Clayson asked if there was any policy outlining how Graduate Assistants are to be acknowledged or cited in articles for their research. Vice President Marlin said that other universities have written policies concerning this, so we could use them as models in drafting a UNI policy. This issue will be looked into and brought back to the Council at a later time. Durham moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hesse
Secretary

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 23, 1992 at 3:30 p.m. in Gilchrist Board Room