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UNI Graduate Council Minutes #798

October 10, 1991

Present: Berg, Durham, Fahmy, Jones, Maier, Martin, Mills, Rose (for Safford), S. Smaldino, Somervill, Swensen, Walker, Yohe

Absent: Clayson, V. Jackson, Lew

Visitors: Nancy Marlin (Vice President and Provost); Marlene Strathe (Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs); Cynthia Bickley-Green (Art); John Fecik (Industrial Technology)

Minutes #797 were approved as published.

Dean Somervill reminded everyone that October 25 is the deadline for submitting nominations for the UNI Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation awards. He distributed a sheet containing important dates for graduate students.

Walker reminded everyone that the deadline for Distinguished Scholar nominations is October 11 and that nominees must be full-time UNI faculty both at the time of nomination and at the time they would be taking the semester leave. He noted that the full-time status also applies to the Professional Development Leaves. The report from the Distinguished Scholar Committee will be at the November 14 meeting. Walker also reviewed highlights from the semi-annual meeting of campus liaison officers by the Office of Federal Programs (AASCU). The meeting brings together grant officers from public universities and program officers from major federal grant funding agencies in Washington, D.C.

Yohe noted that fiber optic connection will be made to all post-secondary educational institutions and should be to UNI next spring. Fahmy said that he will invite Bob Hardman to give a presentation to the Council concerning this. Yohe said that his office also has a presentation available.

Fahmy distributed a membership list for Graduate Council Committees. There were a few openings for which faculty were recommended. Berg moved to accept the completed list. Motion was seconded and passed. Walker noted that the Distinguished Scholar Committee had been omitted from the list. That committee was also finalized except for one Graduate Faculty member. A committee listing follows:

Graduate College Curriculum Committee

Carolyn Shields, Chair
Taggart Frost
Cathy Thompson

Melba Widmer
Reinhold Bubser
Erwin Richter Doctoral Committee

Bob Martin, Chair
Tony McAdams
Ervin Dennis
Charles Diedrick
Al Hays
Graduate Faculty Status Committee

Virginia Berg, Chair
Dennis Clayson
Annie Jones
Alice Swensen MPhil Committee

Norris Durham, Chair
Shivesh Thakur
Martha Reineke
Syed Kirmani
Carol Weisenberger
Strategic Plan Task Force

Mohammed Fahmy
Alice Swensen
Donna Maier Distinguished Scholar

Donna Maier
Geof Mills
Norris Durham
Bob Gish
Susann Doody
Teaching Assistants Task Force

Mohammed Fahmy
Sharon Huddleston
Charles Quirk

Fahmy said that concern had been expressed that small graduate classes in the summer would be eliminated because of the budget problems. Somervill said that generally there are no Graduate Assistantships available during the summer. There are limited funds for Tuition Scholarships, but not enough to fund all requests. Because summer tuition is charged by the hour, students must apply for tuition support for specific classes, and therefore applications cannot be submitted until after summer schedules are available. However, some departments don't want to determine what

summer courses are going to be offered until they see what students are attending and the courses they need. Fahmy noted that some programs have a requirement of continuous enrollment for a specified number of semesters. This will be difficult if small classes are cut. Strathe said that there has been no directive from Academic Affairs that every course must be self supporting; the goal is to make the entire summer session break even. Smaldino said that an added concern is the sequencing of courses. Swensen noted that there may be problems with teachers who only come during the summer. Somervill said that we won't know for awhile what the impact of the budget will be on summer offerings.

Somervill said that he has third week graduate enrollment by program available.

Durham moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hesse
Secretary

Next meeting will be Thursday, October 24, 1991 at 3:30 p.m. in Gilchrist Board Room