

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

Bone Student Center, Spotlight Room, April 14, 2005

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 by Sandra L. Groves, Director of Graduate Studies.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Admissions Committee: Shari Zeck, Anne Wortham, Willard Bohn, Klaus Schmidt

Curriculum Committee: Wendy Black, John Bantham, James Carter

Membership Committee: Gary Bachman, Emily Watts

Research Committee: Laura Vogel

Graduate Student Association:

MEMBERS ABSENT

Admissions Committee:

Curriculum Committee: Tibor Gyires, Jack McLaughlin-Gray, Denise Wilson

Membership Committee: Paul Vogt, Linda Willis-Fisher

Research Committee: Peter J. Smith, Jeanne Howard, John Poole

Graduate Student Association: Tolulope Oke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by James Carter, seconded by Willard Bohn, the minutes of February 24, 2005, were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Shari Zeck, seconded by John Bantham, the minutes of March 24, 2005, were unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STUDENT REPORTS

Sandra Groves reported on graduate admissions for fall 2005. As of April 9 overall applications received were the same as 2004, with the number of admissions down 6%. International applications were down 3% from last year with admissions down 25%. Many academic units have not processed their international admissions as quickly as last year. It is anticipated that the effects of fewer applications and admissions will be a decline in international student enrollments for FY06.

Dr. Groves reported that the university-wide committee providing input into graduate tuition pricing strategies has met and will forward their recommendations to President Bowman with regard to tuition increases. Included will be recommendation that the priority use of funds from increased tuition be increasing existing graduate assistant stipends.

The Graduate Research Symposium will be held April 22, 2005.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Shari Zeck made the scholarship report and moved that Council receive the report.

Ora Bretall Scholarship

Andrea Knapp	M.S.	Mathematics	\$ 500
Carla Maciel	Ph.D.	English	\$ 500
Rajeev Nenduradu	Ph.D.	Mathematics	<u>\$ 376</u>
			\$1,376

Ada Belle Clark Welsh Scholarship

Saakshi Arora	M.S.	Music	\$2,500
Shushan Avagyan	M.S.	English	\$2,500
Dana Smith	M.S.	Psychology	\$1,000
Andrea Knapp	M.S.	Mathematics	\$ 600
Sara Poggi	M.S.	Communication	\$ 600
Sarah Stoneffot	M.F.A.	Art	<u>\$ 600</u>
			\$7,800

Donald F. McHenry Fellowship

Carole Ruiz	M.S.	Special Education	\$6,000
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ISU Foundation Fellowship

Emily Bloesch	M.A.	Psychology	\$ 3,000
Claire Delahunt	SSP	Psychology	\$ 3,000
Envera Dukouic	Ph.D.	English	\$ 3,000
Jennifer Gyurisn	Ph.D.	English	\$ 3,000
Stephanie Verhoff	M.A.	English	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
			\$15,000

Shari Zeck made several recommendations that the committee felt would aid in evaluating applications next year. These were discussed and will be revisited by the committee next fall.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Sandra Groves submitted the Graduate Faculty Membership spring report and moved that the Council receive it. Four faculty have been approved for full graduate faculty membership and three for associate membership. The associate membership status requires a terminal degree. The full membership status requires a terminal degree plus evidence of scholarly productivity and successful graduate level teaching experience. The report will be forwarded to the Provost for final approval.

Recommendations will be forwarded to the Academic Planning Committee with regard to the program review process. As reported in March, the committee found difficulty in assessing active participation by faculty based upon their vita supplied as part of program review. Because vita from previous accreditations can be used, the vita can be five years old and not useful for assessing current activity in graduate education.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Laura Vogel reported that the University Research Council will be meeting next week.

DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Dr. Groves personally thanked each outgoing Council member for contributions during their terms. They are: Shari Zeck, Admissions Committee; James Carter and John Bantham, Curriculum Committee; Linda Willis-Fisher and Emily Watts, Membership Committee; John Poole and Peter J. Smith, Research Committee; Tolulope Oke and Aida Latic, Graduate Student Association.

Dr. Groves seated new Council members for three year terms:

Sarah Smelser, Admissions Committee; John Bantham, Curriculum Committee; Larry Alferink, Membership Committee; and Gary Creasey, Research Committee. Nina Hamilton, Curriculum Committee will be seated in September. Seated as an appointment for two years were: Emily Watts, Membership Committee; Richard Boser, Research Committee.

Dr. Groves gave a powerpoint presentation on the profile of graduate education at ISU. Committees formed and met briefly. Committee chairs for FY06 will be Anne Wortham, Admissions Committee; Denise Wilson, Curriculum Committee; Gary Bachman, Membership Committee; and Jeanne Howard, Research Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra L. Groves

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