

Annual Meeting of the Graduate Council

Monday, April 2, 2001

Minutes

**Present:**

Robert Axtell  
Nancy Boyles  
John Critzer  
Debra Emmelman  
Stephen Feldman  
Jerry Hauselt  
Susan Killon  
Teri Loughhead  
Edward Lynch

Patricia Major  
Doris Marino  
Cynthia McDaniel  
Vara Neverow  
Gwendolyn Nowlan  
Mary Purdy  
Jaak Rakfeldt  
Lystra Richardson  
James Thorson  
Victor Triolo

**Alternates Present:**

Frank Sansone  
Steve Burian  
James Dempsey

**Absent**

Donald Cairns  
Joel Meisel  
Diane Ronis  
Norris Haynes  
Marianne Kennedy  
John Nwangwu

**Officers:**

Marianne Kennedy, Chairperson  
Jerome Hauselt, Vice-Chairperson  
Teri Olisky Loughhead, Secretary

**Visitors**

J. Phillip Smith  
Sandra Holley  
Rodney Lane  
Roseanne Diana  
Roberta Jirsa  
Rod Lane  
Bruce Kalk  
Brian Perkins  
John Kavanagh

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Jerry Hauselt at 1:05 P.M. The minutes of the March 12, 2001 meeting were approved as published.

**Announcements:**

**Office of the Academic Vice-President**

**J. P. Smith**

The Academic Vice-President addressed the Council concerning the following issues:

1. **Ed.D.** The Ed.D. has been forwarded to the Board of Governors and they are waiting for legislative approval.
2. **Masters of Science Degree in Computer Science.** The M.S. in Computer Science has been forwarded to the Board of Governors. They view the degree as an extension of what we already

do and not a new program. The M.S. in Computer Science will come before the full board soon for a hearing, and it is anticipated that the program will be approved before Fall 2001.

3. **Anthropology Major**. The proposed major in Anthropology at SCSU has come before the Vice-Presidents for Academic Affairs of the board, and is currently with the Department of Higher Education. The Department of Higher Education will determine if this is a new major or an extension of what we already do.

4. **Building Plans**. The contract for Engleman Hall will be signed within the week and work will begin before the end of the semester. The number of classrooms and classroom seats will remain the same, and will be improved with the renovations. The Buley Library project funds appear to be in place to complete the project on time, and an architect is currently being selected. The Student Center project is scheduled for 2003-2004, however, it is anticipated that it will start in 1 to 2 years, hopefully in 2002. A new power plant will start this fall and be completed in 1 to 2 years.

5. **Honorary Degrees**. A number of honorary degrees will be requested of the Board of Trustees who meets this Thursday.

Vice-President Smith expressed his appreciation for the Role of the Graduate Council and thanked everyone for their hard work.

### **Graduate School Dean**

**S. Holley**

The Dean of the Graduate School addressed the council concerning the following issues:

1. **Fall Registration**. Fall registration is upon us. Please advise students and faculty that Banner will be used and "patience" is the key word for the process.
2. **Graduate Research Fellowship Competition**. Competition for the Graduate Research Fellowships for the 2001-2002 is underway. Deadline for submission of applications and all supporting documentation is Friday, April 20, 2001.
3. **Graduate Student Open House**. The Graduate Open House will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2001, from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. in Lyman Center foyer.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Procedures Committee:**

**Patricia Major**

The Procedures Committee recommended two individuals for the Graduate Faculty:

- William Diffley, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Education
  - Jean Breny Bontempi, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health
- Approved unanimously.

#### **Curriculum Committee:**

**S. Feldman**

**Course Review**. The curriculum committee reviewed and recommended two courses:

- **EDL 680 - Leadership Perspectives**. Vote carried unanimously.
- **RDG 517 - Content Area Literacy in Middle & Secondary Schools**. Vote carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

2. **Graduate Council Rules of Order - P. Major**. The senate has requested one last revision to Graduate Council Rules of Order which is that all Graduate Council meetings be open to all members of the university community. Discussion ensued. Vote carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **History Department**

**B. Kalk**

**Thesis Guidelines - Thesis Advisor.** Bruce Kalk, representing the History Department, presented to the council regarding the issue of who makes the decision as to which faculty do thesis advisement. The Thesis Proposal Guidelines and Completion Guidelines state that the thesis advisor must be a member of the Graduate Faculty. Dr. Kalk took the position that the department is qualified to decide who is qualified to advise a thesis regardless of graduate faculty status. Reference was made to the AAUP Collective Bargaining Articles 5.17 and 5.17.2. Discussion ensued. Dean Holley offered that in the particular case of a student's thesis advisement currently involving the History Department, a compromise was offered to the Department. The student has been supported, the thesis proposal has been accepted by the Graduate School, and the thesis is moving forward. The following motions were made:

1. The Procedures Committee re-examine the proposed criteria to be a member of the Graduate Faculty as part of the Rules of Order. Approved unanimously.
2. Graduate Council encourages the History Department and the Graduate Dean together to negotiate a compromise on this specific case. The motion was tabled to the next meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

**Adjournment:**

Vice -Chairperson Hauselt adjourned the meeting at 3:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teri Olisky Loughead, Secretary