

Executive Committee of the Graduate Faculty
April 10, 2008
Bradley Hall Conference Room 247
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

- Attendees:** Drs. Ed Sattler, Bernie Goitein, Jobie Skaggs, Lori Russell-Chapin, Sherri Morris, Steven Dolins (replacing Jiang B. Liu), and David Zietlow.
- Absent:** Drs. Robert Bolla, Rob Rowe, Kevin Finson, Fisher Stolz, Prasad Shastry, and Student Representative Steve Carlisle.
- Guests:** Leslie Betz, Darlene Jacobs, Lynne Franks, Kathy Beaty, Drs. Robert Fuessle, and James Seckler.

- I. Motion to approve minutes from March 13, 2008** – 1st Dr. Sherri Morris, Dr. Ed Sattler. Minutes **Approved**.

Motion to approve minutes from March 26, 2008 – 1st Dr. Lori Russell Chapin, 2nd Dr. Ed Sattler. Minutes **Approved**.

II. Addition to Agenda

III. New Business

- A. Regular Membership** - Dr. Yufeng Lu – Electrical and Computer Engineering. 1st Bernie Goitein, 2nd Ed Sattler. Motion **Passes**.
- B. Role of Executive Committee of the Graduate Faculty** – Leslie Betz reported to ECGF members that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is proposing that the ECGF become a standing sub-committee of the Curriculum and Regulation Committee (C & R). Lengthy discussion followed. Dr. David Zietlow voiced concerns regarding North Central Accreditation (NC). Leslie Betz confirmed that during the previous visit NC specifically noted that the Graduate School lacked clear authority regarding Graduate Studies. Dr. Lori Russell Chapin pointed out the value of having checks and balances for the ECGF and Graduate School. ECGF members reached a consensus regarding two positions and one recommendation that will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Position One: Point of Order – ECGF follows the Graduate Constitution. Procedures to modify the roles and responsibilities of the ECGF and the Graduate School are outlined in the Graduate Faculty Constitution and must be followed.

Position Two: North Central Accreditation - Moving the ECGF as a standing sub-committee of C & R further weakens the autonomy of Graduate Studies. NC specifically noted, during their previous visit, that

Graduate Studies must be under the direction of Graduate Faculty. For instance, non-graduate faculty sit on both the C & R Committee and the Faculty Senate. Non-graduate faculty lack the authority to vote on Graduate motions.

Recommendation: *Address ECGF* – ECGF members request that the body initiating the proposal attend a future meeting for further discussion.

- C. **Course Addition** – ME 507. 1st Dr. Lori Russell Chapin , 2nd Dr. Sherri Morris. Motion **Passes**.
- D. **Course Modification** – ME 573. 1st Dr. Lori Russell Chapin, 2nd Dr. Sherri Morris. Motion **Passes**.
- E. **Course Additions**
 - 1. **CS 502** - Revised to be available for offering beginning May 2008. Add prerequisite and consent from the Graduate Program Coordinator. **Motion to Modify Proposed Changes for CS 502-** 1st Dr. Sherri Morris, 2nd Dr. Bernie Goitein. Motion **Passes**.
 - 2. **CS 590** – Course Addition request withdrawn and will be presented at a future meeting.
- F. **Course Deletion**
 - 1. **CS 615** – Course Deletion request withdrawn and will be presented at a future meeting.

III. Old business

- A. **Course Modifications** – CE 541, 542, 543, 546, 555, 565, 567, 570, 580, 585, 610, 650, 681, 682 - Drs. Seckler and Fuessle explained to ECGF members that the majority of the proposed course modifications are due to updating course descriptions and titles. CE 650 request withdrawn and will be presented at a future meeting. The remaining courses modifications in Item A were retained for approval. 1st Dr. Lori Russell Chapin , 2nd Dr. Sherri Morris. Motion **Passes**.
- B. **Course Deletion** – CE 544. 1st Dr. Lori Russell Chapin, 2nd Dr. Ed Sattler. Motion **Passes**.
- C. **Course Additions** – CE 558, 577, 583. 1st Dr. Lori Russell Chapin , 2nd Dr. David Zietlow. Motion **Passes**.
- D. **Course Deletions** – CE 522, 524, 526, 528, 529, 536, 537. 1st Dr. David Zietlow, 2nd Dr. Sherri Morris. Motion **Passes**.

- E. Course Additions – CON 522, 524, 526, 528, 529, 536, 537 and CON 520, 540.** 1st Dr. David Zietlow, 2nd Dr. Sherri Morris. Motion **Passes**.
- F. PMA Course Title Changes.** Senate suggested title changes. 1st Dr. Bernie Goitein, 2nd Dr. Sherri Morris. Motion **Passes**.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Marketing –** Dr. Bernie Goitein presented an updated Marketing Subcommittee Interim Report (see attached report). ECGF members will review the report with their department and formally endorse the report at a future meeting.

V. Announcements

VI. Adjourn 4: 50 PM. 1st Dr. Sherri Morris, 2nd Dr. David Zeitlow.

Respectfully submitted Dr. Jobie L. Skaggs, ECGF Secretary