MINUTES
The Graduate Council
May 13, 1998
Leona Tyler Conference Room, Chapman Hall

Members Present: Deborah Carver (ex officio), Ian Duncan, Linda Kintz, Van Kolpin, Kristen MacConnell (master’s student representative), James O’Fallon (ex officio), Mark Tveskov (doctoral student representative), Claire Wachter, Janet Wasko, Polly Welch, Phil Young

Members Absent: Lynne Anderson-Inman, Marian Friestad, Roger Haydock), Katharine Cashman (on leave 1998), Steadman Upham (ex officio)

Staff in Attendance: Toby Deemer, Maggie Morris

Guests: Jo Anna Gray, Steven Shankman

In the absence of Chair Marian Friestad, Vice Chair Ian Duncan called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. It was noted that the agenda would be abbreviated in order to provide opportunity for the Graduate Council to interview two finalists for the position of Dean of the Graduate School.

Vice Chair Duncan circulated copies of a draft letter being proposed as Council’s response to a survey about program review that is being circulated by the Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC). The response is primarily in the nature of a reminder that Graduate Council is charged with oversight of the program review; while input and suggestions are welcomed, it is outside the purview of FAC to initiate major changes in the process. The draft document was approved as circulated and will be delivered to the chair of the FAC as soon as possible.

Announcements

It was determined that the agenda originally intended for the day would be postponed. Because the June meeting typically includes a very light agenda and an introduction of the officers for the next year, it was then decided that an extra May meeting would be required to accommodate outstanding items and to conduct the election of officers. The extra meeting will be held Friday, May 29, at 2:00 pm.
Interviews with Graduate Dean Candidates

In a brief discussion before the first candidate arrived, Council members outlined the questions that would be asked of each candidate and agreed upon who would take the lead for each question. The issues/questions candidates would be asked to address were the following:

- A summary of their credentials as preparation for the position of graduate dean;
- Their perceptions of the strengths and weaknesses of graduate education at the UO currently and what they might suggest as ways to strengthen it further;
- Their ideas and attitudes about interdisciplinary study;
- Their view of the student-centered model as it applies to graduate students;
- Attitudes and issues related to fundraising and perceived differences between fundraising for the humanities as opposed to other fields;
- Attitudes about financial support for graduate students;
- Experience or background with contract negotiation or collective bargaining;
- Their perceptions of the campus attitude toward graduate as opposed to undergraduate education.

Separate interviews with JoAnna Gray and Steven Shankman followed. In subsequent discussion, Council members expressed their perceptions of the major differences between the two candidates and requested that those perceptions be recorded in a letter that would take the form of a report to Provost John Moseley rather than an endorsement of one candidate over the other.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Van Kolpin, Secretary

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Vice Presidents  
Vice Provosts  
Academic Deans