

**MINUTES**  
**The Graduate Council**  
October 19, 1994

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**Members Present:** Peter Bergquist, David Boush, Scott DeLancey, Andy Dungan (doctoral student representative), Roger Haydock, James Lemert, Glenn May, Robert O'Brien, David Schuman (ex officio), Richard Sundt, Virpi Zuck

**Members Absent:** Judith Grosenick, Philip Holoubek (masters student representative), Louis Osternig, Steadman Upham (ex officio)

**Staff in Attendance:** Toby Deemer and Maggie Morris

The meeting was called to order by the 1993-94 chair, J. Lemert at 3:30 p.m. To facilitate introduction of new members, each person gave his or her name and department affiliation.

With recognition that the new members would have no basis for additions or corrections, the minutes of the meeting of June 8, 1994 were approved as distributed.

### **Election of Officers**

Selection of 1994-95 officers was begun with the election of P. Bergquist as chair. S. DeLancey was then elected vice chair, and R. Sundt, secretary. All were unanimous choices. P. Bergquist assumed the chair immediately, and J. Lemert left the meeting to keep another commitment.

### **Announcements**

In the absence of Dean Upham, T. Deemer circulated copies of the draft and provided an update on the progress of the University of Oregon Guidelines for Good Practice in Graduate Education. The document will be discussed at the meeting of the CAS department heads on Monday, October 24. If Dean Upham is unable to moderate that discussion, S. DeLancey has agreed to stand in for him. The document will then go before the Senate at its November meeting.

T. Deemer also indicated that Council might wish to consider inviting some or all of the Undergraduate Education and Policy Coordinating Council (UEPCC) to a future meeting insofar as major curricular changes are being considered that could impact graduate education. After brief discussion, it was requested that Dean Upham provide additional information about the composition of UEPCC (with which many Council members were unfamiliar) and about the changes that are anticipated before Council makes a decision on whether or not to pursue a joint meeting

### **Journal Format Dissertations**

As noted by last year's Council, issues have begun to arise concerning both inclusion of previously published articles and multiple authorship in dissertations. Council may wish to consider expanding its present guidelines to deal more specifically with these areas.

As a background for this consideration, copies of current guidelines for journal format style were distributed along with print copies of an e-mail message from a faculty member who had specific comments about them. It was noted that some institutions have two doctoral degrees, with one identified "under special regulations" to indicate that the dissertation consists of previously published articles. R. Haydock and R. O'Brien agreed to form a subcommittee to look into the issue and to provide by the next meeting, either a more complete statement of the problem or an actual proposal for amplification of the present guidelines.

### **Off-Campus Graduate Programs**

T. Deemer summarized growing concern about issues related to degree programs delivered by distance education, and the need to address them before technology moves too far ahead. For example, Council may need to advise on credit limitations that might be appropriate for coursework offered through various distance/electronic mechanisms. It is also likely that there will be future proposals for entire programs offered through distance education; Council might wish to establish a policy to deal with them. Issues surrounding the residency requirement also come into play with distance learning. Similarly, it was noted that the UO concept of what constitutes a graduate education (as described in the Guidelines for Good Practice) may well influence a response to distance programs. D. Schuman, D. Boush, and A. Dungan agreed to serve as a subcommittee to explore these issues with Dean Upham.

Discussion of off-campus UO degree programs was deferred to the November meeting. It was also noted that UO joint programs will be discussed at that time: Dean Finrow from Architecture and Allied Arts will attend the November meeting to provide information about a joint architecture program with Portland State University which is of particular concern because it bypassed campus review and was begun as a result of OSSHE directives, effective Fall 1994.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sundt, Secretary