

The Graduate Council
April 21, 2004
Leona Tyler Conference Room, Graduate School

Present: Kirby Deater-Deckard (Vice Chair), Paul Doerksen, Karen Ford, Marian Friestad (Ex Officio), Jo Anna Gray, Susan Hardwick, Rich Linton (Ex Officio), Alan Meyer, Mark Reed.

Absent: Faye Chadwell, (Ex Officio), David Hulse, Massimo Lollini, Maylian Pak, Deborah Simmons, Leslie Steeves (Chair), Jeffrey Stinson.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

The minutes from the meeting of March 17, 2004 were approved.

Announcements:

The Smith Summer Research Award Committee (Kirby Deater-Deckard, Paul Doerksen, Mark Reed) completed their work, and will make suggestions for refining the procedures.

Dean Linton reported that the new faculty summer research program received 39 proposals.

NEW BUSINESS

Law School Associate Dean Jane Gordon, Professor Michael Moffitt, and Assistant Dean Jamie Moffitt made a brief presentation about the proposal for a new Masters Degree Program in Conflict and Dispute Resolution. Professor Gordon described the development of the idea for the degree program that has taken place over the last two years. Professors Gordon and Moffitt then answered questions from the Council Members.

Council members had questions about the number of new courses that would need to go through the University's review process; the involvement of the new program with CODAC; the practical problems that can occur when quarter and semester courses and schedules need to be blended; the program's dependence on non-regular faculty for delivering the core courses; the relationship of this program to the Portland State conflict resolution program, the status of the American Bar Association review; and some budget-related questions.

Assistant Dean Jamie Moffitt presented a series of spreadsheets that illustrated the impact of various budget scenarios. There were some additional questions, but because the budget is not yet finalized, further discussion is likely to come later.

The Law School Guests were thanked and left the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul Doerksen and Joanna Gray made a brief presentation, and led a discussion, of the work that they have been doing on budget issues related to graduate education. Council members shared some of their specific problems and concerns (e.g., funding for first year students, stipend levels, departmental flexibility, methods of allocating GTFs). Due to the lateness of the hour, it was agreed that the discussion would continue at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.