

MINUTES
The Graduate Council
June 9, 1999

Members Present: Janet Wasko, Donna Paul, Roger Haydock, Lynne Anderson-Inman, Marian Friestad (ex officio), Ian Duncan, Linda Kintz, Hal Sadofsky, Phil Young, Deb Carver, (ex officio), Paul Doerksen, Peggy Pascoe

Members Absent: Polly Welch, Peter Mills, Natasha Garber, Jim O'Fallon, (ex officio)

Staff in Attendance: Toby Deemer

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ian Duncan at 12:40 pm. The minutes of the meeting of May 19, 1999 were approved as distributed.

Old Business

- The report of the ad hoc committee to review the Electronic Submission of Theses and Dissertations was presented by Deb Carver. The ad hoc committee, which included Deb Carver (Library), J.Q. Johnson (Library), Kathy Heerema (Computing Center), Steve Ponder (Journalism), Roger Haydock (Physics), and Paul Doerksen (Music) found that the University of Oregon is on the same track as our peer institutions. The advantage to electronic submission will be increased access and expansion of creative expression. Graduate students were asked to respond to a survey distributed via the new Graduate School Listserve. Although a careful review has not been completed, initial responses indicate high levels of student interest in having access to this method of submission. Those students not completely in favor cautioned that they would be concerned about learning new technology. The ad hoc committee believes that the submission process can be kept relatively simple. The Council discussed issues related to publication policies and the disadvantages to some disciplines of this ready accessibility. Peggy Pascoe suggested that the publication issue should be carefully considered by the Implementation Team and should include advice from University of Oregon faculty as well as outside agencies such as publication presses and journals. Lynne Anderson-Inman raised the issue of advisors being able to give students accurate and current advice about electronic publication of their work. Several Council members cautioned against moving too quickly before appropriate technology was in place to ensure longevity of accessibility of the archived material.

A motion was presented to the Council to accept with thanks the ad hoc committee recommendations (attachment enclosed) and forward the findings to the dean of the Graduate School with strong encouragement that the recommendations be implemented. Motion approved unanimously.

Deb Carver announced that the Knight Library has reserved 10 carrels specifically for graduate students who are writing their thesis or dissertation. There will be a one term allocation for use of the carrel.

Dean Marian Friestad announced that negotiations with the GTFF on the Insurance Program have begun.

Janet Wasko asked Dean Friestad if the administration had adopted a tuition waiver policy for the new funding model. Friestad advised that much discussion has taken place but as yet no philosophical policy has been established.

The Council adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Haydock, Secretary

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 Vice Presidents
 Vice Provosts
 Academic Deans