

GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
10/8/04

Present: P. Atkins, A. Dos Reis, L. Garrick Duhaney (Dean of the Graduate School), P. Edwards (Presiding Officer), M. Garatti, M. Guiry, J. McLaurin, J. Raskin, M. Roehm

The meeting was called to order in HAB 802 at 2:05 p.m.

1. The minutes of the meetings of April 30 and September 24, 2004 were approved unanimously.
2. Announcements and Updates

M. Roehm announced the shows of two former students and that an MFA sculpture student won a national sculpture award. She also announced the upcoming MFA Exhibition in November. She will provide us with the exact date later.

Old Business

3. Appreciation of Former Dean, Phyllis Freeman

M. Roehm contributed two cups toward the Council's expression of appreciation for the work and service of Phyllis Freeman in her role as former Dean of the Graduate School. Council members contributed toward the purchase of flowers. She will be invited to the next meeting of the Council to receive these tokens of appreciation.

4. Feedback on Research Papers

J. McLaurin answered questions regarding her presentation at the last meeting in which a new service for graduate students was described. Handouts and a brief summary were provided to those who were absent from that meeting. The new service provides access to the SPIN database of external research funding opportunities for graduate students with assistance provided on an as needed basis by Shaun Hoff in the Graduate School office.

5. Revision of Bylaws

Options regarding policies and procedures for alternates to the Graduate Council were discussed. P. Edwards requested that written proposals for the 'proxy' idea and other options be brought to the next meeting.

New Business

6. Support and Services for Graduates

Discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

7. Safety Issues on Campus

Discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

8. Informational Items and Issues for Council Consideration

L. Garrick Duhaney will discuss recruitment plans and issues at the next Council meeting. She also indicated that information will be distributed to the subcommittee regarding a student appeal in a plagiarism case. She will check on the acceptability of a Council member forwarding information via e-mail regarding extensions for students past the degree deadline. J. Raskin suggested that the Council may want to further consider development of a policy on deferring admission.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan McLaurin, Acting Secretary