

MINUTES  
GRADUATE FACULTY ASSEMBLY  
October 4, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dwight Dimaculangan. The minutes of the August 23, 2002 Graduate Faculty Assembly were approved as distributed.

Dr. Dimaculangan spoke briefly about increasing funds for graduate students. Dr. Dimaculangan indicated that he had attended the September 13, 2002 Graduate Council meeting and talked about the need to increase funds for graduate students. Dr. Dimaculangan reported that the Graduate Council agreed to take up the issue of graduate funding. Dr. Dimaculangan further reported that he believed that Council would draft a document or letter to be sent to Dr. Digiorgio and the Board of Trustees expressing the concern of faculty regarding the availability of graduate funds.

Dr. Melford Wilson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, was not present and sent no remarks.

Dr. Wilhelmenia Rembert, Associate Vice president for Graduate Studies, thanked the faculty for their participation in the graduate fair. Dr. Rembert expressed her disappointment in the student turnout for the fair. Dr. Rembert indicated that graduate enrollment was approximately 1200 at this point. She also stated that the graduate brochure was underway.

Dr. Bill Rogers, Chair of Graduate Council, summarized curricular actions taken at the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. These actions included approving the addition of Math 550, Special Topics in Mathematics, 3 hours, and approving changing requirements for the Masters of Arts in Teaching in French and Spanish to reflect new admissions requirements as stated in the 2002-2004 Graduate Catalog. Dr. Rogers reported on faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education that were approved for membership in Graduate Faculty Assembly. Dr. Rogers also reported that the Council approved a recommendation that graduate courses be regularly scheduled after 4:00 pm and approved a statement from Modern Languages concerning Petitions Procedures. After a discussion led by Dr. Dwight Dimaculangan, Council voted to draft a letter of support to increase Graduate Assistants' stipends and scholarships and established a subcommittee to draft a letter to go to the Board of Trustees and Dr. Digiorgio.

There was no old or new business.

There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlton Bessinger  
Secretary