GRADUATE COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORTS

2000-2001
DATE: May 11, 2001

TO: Graduate Council

FROM: Academic Standards Committee
   Allan Eller, Chair
   Beverly Rainforth
   Eileen Way
   Tim Perry


The committee met to discuss the Five-Year Limit for Admission to Candidacy Policy. This policy was approved by the Graduate Council in 1987 but it never was included in any formal documents. It will be included in the new Bulletin and in the Graduate Directors Handbook.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 11, 2001

TO: Graduate Council

FROM: Advisory Committee on Scholarship and Research
Ronald Miles, Chair
Stephen Gilje
Eleanor Heishman
Masha Britten
Robert Demicco
Francis Yammarino
Nancy Stamp
Ralph Garruto
Thomas Dublin


The Advisory Committee on Scholarship and Research (ACSR) met on October 25, November 9, 2000, January 24, March 9, and April 10, 2001. ACSR's activities consisted of recommending recipients of the University Award for Excellence in Research, conducting our annual review of the Organized Research Centers and proposing guidelines for the appointment of research faculty.

Award for Excellence in Research
ACSR evaluated nominations for the 2001 University Award for Excellence in Research and made recommendations to Vice Provost Carr.

Review of Organized Research Centers
A detailed report on our review of the Organized Research Centers was submitted to Vice Provost Carr on May 11, 2001. It is, recommended that certain centers be funded directly through Academic Affairs rather than the Division of Research. Our recommendations for funding existing centers basically follows that of our memo to (then) Vice Provost Carr on April 17, 2000, in which we recommended that centers be supported based on a percentage of the indirect costs resulting from their research expenditures.

Appointment of Research Faculty
A draft document, "Procedures for Personnel Cases for Research Faculty" was submitted to Vice President Carr. This document consists of a modification of the "Procedures for Personnel Cases" intended to guide the appointment and promotion of tenure-track faculty members.
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FROM: Budget Advisory Committee
     Allan Eller, Chair
     Susan Bane
     David Wilson
     Sue Repine


The committee reviewed applications for the Graduate Student Travel Grant Fund. The committee awarded money to 23 applicants totaling $2,906.82 for the fall semester. In the spring 2001 semester there were 27 applicants and they all received awards totaling $2,822.37.

The committee reviewed and approved a Fellowship Health Insurance Policy. Beginning with the 2001-2002 academic year, the Graduate School will assume the full cost of the University's standard (or international) health insurance plan for recipients of fellowships.
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TO: Graduate Council

FROM: Curriculum Committee
       Allan Eller, Chair
       Sue Crowley
       Eva Wu
       Pamela Gay
       Joyce Ferrario


The committee met several times to review and discuss new course proposals, revisions, new degree proposals, etc. The courses and proposals listed below were approved by the Curriculum Committee and brought to the Graduate Council where they were formally approved.

**Anthropology**

ANTH 544: Methods in Forensic Anthropology
ANTH 573: Practica in Biological Anthropology
MS in Biomedical Anthropology

**Biology**

Change in graduate exams policy for doctoral degree in Biology
BIOL 530: Molecular Genetics
BIOL 536: Principles of Ecosystem Ecology

**Geography**

GEOG 546: Environmental Hazards and Health
GEOG 577: Analysis in Retail Geography

**Geology**

GEOL 616: Contaminant Hydrogeology
Reactivation of the Spanish PhD
The committee raised a number of questions concerning the proposal and requested that the department respond before any further action was taken.

Sociology

SOC 623: Urban Studies in World Historical Perspective

School of Education and Human Development

MASS 507: Human Ecology: A Study of Interrelationships Among People, Families and Environments
MASS 509: Social Work Practice in Health Care
MASS 537: Trauma and Recovery
MASS 563: Introduction to Alternative Methods in Psychotherapy
EDUC 599: Research Credit

Watson School

CS 534: Web Data Management
CS 551: Systems Programming
MS & PhD Programs in Materials Engineering

Decker School of Nursing

NURS 518: Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology
NURS 578: Health Care of Vulnerable RN-to-MS Program Option
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DATE: May 11, 2001
TO: Graduate Council
FROM: Grievance Committee
Burrell Montz
Tim Perry
Isidore Okpewho

There were no grievances this academic year, therefore the committee did not meet.