Graduate Policy Council Minutes
Thursday, January 5, 1978
3:35 p.m.

The Graduate Policy Council had a special meeting on Thursday, January 5, 1978 in Room 216-A Westcott.

Members present were:

Dr. John L. Bryant
Dr. Peter C. Dalton
Dr. Bertram H. Davis
Dr. Daisy P. Flory, e.o.
Dr. Dona L. Hedrick
Dr. Robert M. Johnson, e.o.
Dr. Eugene F. Kaelin
Dr. Margaret Kassouny
Dr. Patricia Y. Martin
Dr. Elston E. Roady
Dr. Richard L. Rubenstein
Dr. William A. Shrode
Dr. Jack A. Taylor
Dr. Harry M. Walborsky

Members absent were:

Dr. Frank W. Banghart
Dr. James G. Beard
Dr. Theodore G. Chiricos
Dr. Ivan E. Johnson
Dr. Eugene D. Nichols

Also attending were:

Dr. David C. Gruender, member of the committee to revise the Florida State University Constitution and the Faculty Senate Bylaws
Dr. Russell H. Johnsen, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Research

Item # 109: Revision of Section VI.A.5 of the Florida State University Constitution

The Council voted to recommend to the Faculty Senate through its subcommittee the following wording:

Supplementary appointments to the Graduate faculty may be given members of the General Faculty on nomination of the Department Chairman, or equivalent, and approval of the appropriate Dean and Dean of Graduate Studies and Research with the advice and consent of the Graduate Policy Council.

The Council was advised that this was done with the concurrence of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Johnson, Graduate Dean, said that most of the appointments to graduate faculty status presented no problem but, if a question arose as to the appropriateness of the appointment, he would bring the problem to the Graduate Policy Council. It was suggested that a list of new appointees be distributed periodically to the Council.
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Dr. Kaelin moved adoption of the wording above and asked that the Graduate Dean review the appointments to ascertain that the policies for graduate faculty status have been observed and, if not, deny the appointment. There were twelve affirmative votes and no negative votes or abstentions.

Item # 110: Revision of the portion of Section F, "Standing Committees" of the "Bylaws of the Faculty Senate" which apply to the Graduate Policy Council

The Council voted unanimously on the following wording which retains the Council nomenclature and proposes a Council of sufficient membership to carry out its responsibility for the continuing evaluation of graduate programs and determination of graduate policy. One of the reasons given for the necessity of the larger size was that it would be inappropriate for such a small number of faculty to be able to put a program on probation should the necessity arise. This change also permits appropriate representation of the graduate areas of the university. The recommended wording follows:

The Graduate Policy Council shall consider university-wide policies relating to graduate education. The Council shall consist of twenty faculty members appointed by the Steering Committee, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for staggered three-year terms. The following colleges or schools shall have continuing representation on the Council as follows: Arts and Sciences (3), Education (2), Business (1), Social Sciences (1), and Music (1), twelve other representatives, including at least five from the colleges and schools not mentioned above, shall be selected at large from the other schools and colleges. The Vice President for Academic Affairs, or his designee, and the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, or his designee, shall be ex-officio members. Two graduate student members shall be appointed annually by the President of Student Government. The Council shall elect its own chairman annually from the faculty representatives. The Council will make its recommendation to the Steering Committee which will transmit the recommendations to the Senate for action.

Dr. Kaelin announced that the following actions were taken at the Faculty Senate meeting of December 14, 1977:

1. The recommendation that a limit of twelve hours taken as a special student be credited toward the graduate degree was passed.

2. The recommendations relating to provisional graduate students were passed.

3. The recommended policies governing the Doctor of Education degree were passed.

4. The item related to quotas on Fellowship nominations was
recommitted to the Graduate Policy Council. It was the consensus of the Council that no further action was necessary.

5. The recommendation for computing grade point averages for cooperative degree programs was adopted.

6. The recommended changes relating to the Satisfactory- Unsatisfactory Course options was referred to the Graduate Policy Council only because there was not time for adequate discussion. The consensus of the Council was that no further action on its part was necessary, but suggested that the original recommendation be sent back to the Faculty Senate for reconsideration when more time is available.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20. The meeting for January 9, 1978 was cancelled and rescheduled for January 16, 1978 at 3:35 p.m.