

MINUTES
GRADUATE FACULTY ASSEMBLY
March 5, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Dwight Dimaculangan. The minutes of the November 14, 2003 Graduate Faculty Assembly were approved as distributed.

Dr. Tom Moore, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, commented on the review of graduate programs. Dr. Moore indicated that the data gathered would be used in discussions with departments and programs and recommendations would be sent forward as appropriate. Dr. Moore further indicated that we need the information for future decision making. Dr. Moore also said he would like to provide support if people have to work in the summer on the program reviews.

Dr. Wilhelmenia Rembert, Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies, indicated that the Graduate Office and the Office of Institutional Research were in the process of gathering data that would be available for use in program reviews. That data will be distributed once it is available. The deadline for reviews is October 15. Dr. Rembert went on to remark that this was a good opportunity for us to make the best cases for why our graduate programs deserve continuing support by the University. Dr. Rembert reported that the 2004-2006 Graduate Catalog should be out next week (March 8-12). Sharon Johnson and Dr. Rembert attended the Council of Southern Graduate Schools February 21-23. One of the sessions dealt with how graduate alumni tend to feel strongly about programs and may be more willing to give to programs rather than the University. One way to possibly gather additional support for programs would be to target alumni by programs and make it easy to give by creating a "button" on a program website. Dr. Rembert's final comments concerned a survey of graduate student satisfaction conducted by the Dean of the Graduate School at East Carolina. Dr. Rembert stated that she would send out information on the survey by email.

Dr. Laura Dufresne, Chair of Graduate Council, reported on actions taken at the January 30, 2004 meeting. These actions included the approval of curricular actions from a number of departments. Also, Dr. Dufresne announced that Anne Olsen, College of Business Administration and Wendy Dover, College of Education were approved for membership in the Graduate Faculty Assembly. Dr. DuFresne announced that the April 28 meeting would be for petitions only.

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Dr. Dimaculangan announced that the last Graduate Faculty Assembly meeting this semester would be April 23. At that meeting, there will be an election for the Chair of Graduate Faculty Assembly. Dr. Dimaculangan asked that faculty let the Graduate Council know of nominees for Chair.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlton Bessinger, Secretary