

Graduate Faculty Assembly  
22 April 2005

The Assembly was called to order by Dr. John Bird.

- Minutes from the 4 March 2005 meeting were approved.

Report of the Academic Vice President: Dr. Thomas Moore

1. Dr. Moore opened the floor to questions regarding graduate program reviews and recent reports and discussed keeping graduate fee waivers in line to deter continued budget deficits at the department level. Working now on a strategic plan to increase the number and funding.
2. Dr. Moore noted that work continues on the Masters in Social Work.

Report of the Associate VP for Graduate Studies: Dr. Wilhelmenia Rembert

1. Reported on the Graduate Program Reviews: Her office
  - o has received all graduate program reports
  - o has received results of the Noel-Levitz Adult Student Priorities Survey
  - o has received a report from the Executive MBA-communications audit
  - o is awaiting a report MBA student group's assessment report on marketing
2. Reported that after the graduate program reviews are completed, a major emphasis will be promotion of WU's graduate programs.
3. Continued Dr. Moore's discussion of support requested in the draft budget
  - o assistantships, both the amount of the stipends & number of the GA positions
  - o scholarships for graduate students
  - o marketing & advertising
  - o professional development: funding for special meeting, registration, travel and conference registrations
4. New revenues from existing sources: has requested consideration for graduate student scholarships from the following four sources
  - o Faculty-staff scholarships
  - o Bookworm funds
  - o ARA Mark funds
  - o The TRIO Grant
5. New Programs
  - o Masters in Social Work
  - o Have work to do in promoting the new software development program
6. Next year will update the graduate catalog
7. Graduate commencement will be on May 5 with a reception on the Kinard Lawn.
8. Dr. Rembert thanked Sharon Johnson, graduate office staff, graduate records, program directors, and everyone else who has worked on the program reviews.

In response to a question from the floor, Dr. Rembert added that the Graduate Program Reviews have been forwarded to the EO's for their summer retreat and we should expect their response back to us in the fall.

Report of Chair of Graduate Council: Dr. Janet Chism

Assembly approved the curriculum actions brought forth from the Council (see Council Report: 8 April 2005).

Dr. Chism has been reelected as Chair of the Graduate Council and Dr. L. Wheat as Vice-Chair for 2005-2006.

- There was no additional continuing business.
- There was no new business.
- Announcements
  - Rebecca Evers will continue as Secretary.
  - Keith Benson will pass the tattered Robert's Rules to Mathew Fike.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. B. Evers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr. Rebecca B. Evers