

GRADUATE FACULTY
Minutes of the Meeting
April 21, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Therese Macan on behalf of Dean Judith Walker de Felix at 3:00 p.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the November 30, 2004, meeting were approved.

II. Report from the Graduate Faculty Nominating Committee – Carole Murphy

Dr. Murphy thanked the committee members for their assistance this year. The members are Debbie Balsar, Alice Hall, Peter Stevens, Jean Bachman, Theresa Guess, Carl Bassi, and Nan Sweet.

The committee recommends the following faculty for open positions on Graduate Council to serve from August 2005 – May 2007.

Sally Ebest, Humanities
Patty Parker, Math/Natural Sciences
Tom Eyssell, Business
Stephen Moehrle, Business
Bill Kyle, Education OR Carole Murphy, Education (only one position available)
Michael Griffin, Social Sciences
Van Reidhead, Social Sciences
Janet Lauritsen, Social Sciences

The committee recommends Paulette Isaac-Savage as Graduate Faculty Secretary for August 2005 – May 2006.

As no additional nominations were forthcoming from the floor, the faculty voted to approve the slate of nominees for Graduate Council and Graduate Faculty Secretary.

Because Education has two nominees for one position, the Graduate School staff will submit a ballot to College of Education graduate faculty members. Once the balloting is finalized, the Graduate School staff will notify those elected to the positions and post the new members on the Graduate School web site.

III. Report from the Graduate Council – Therese Macan

This year the Graduate School received new monies to be used for graduate fellowships. The Admissions and Scholarship Committee was charged with

determining how best to spend the new funds. The Committee recommended funds to support five dissertation fellowships at \$14,000 each, five recruitment fellowships and two minority recruitment fellowships at \$4000 each. These fellowships also include tuition scholarships. Each recruitment fellowship package can be for up to 3 years for a total award of \$12,000.

Two dissertation fellowships were awarded and will start in fall. An additional three dissertation fellowships will be awarded in October and will start in the spring 2006 semester. The awardees are:

Dissertation Fellowships

Cintia Cornelius, Biology
Robert Fornango, Criminology

Graduate School Recruitment Fellowships

Michele Stacey, Criminology – Minority
Kenise Jefferson – Minority
Scott Jacques, Criminology
Iris Levin, Biology
Toshi Tsunekage, Biology
John Nanney, Clinical Psychology
Matthew Bales, I/O Psychology

The UM System has awarded the student insurance contract to Chickering, a subsidiary of Aetna. The program will begin in August 2005. Chickering has agreed to keep the insurance premiums at the 2004 rate and provided improvements to the program. Students will now have a co-pay for prescriptions and coverage of the first office visit. Information on the new program will be available in June.

As part of a new initiative by UM System, the Graduate School has agreed to participate in a quality improvement process. The review team, consisting of faculty and administrators from all campuses and UM system, will be on campus Thursday, April 28, 2005. The committee has scheduled separate sessions for faculty and students and would like your input on experiences with the Graduate School processes.

IV. Glen Hahn Cope, Provost

At the request of Dean Felix, Provost Cope spoke about her vision of UM-St. Louis. Her comments included how we provide for the future in preparing students to be professionals, academics, and teachers. What do we do about intellectual curiosity, understanding, sharing, and teaching?

Dr. Cope attended the Graduate Research Fair where graduate students presented their research work in poster format. It was an example of graduate education at

its best. Dr. Cope was impressed with how the students were able to show their work to those not in their field. The students usually present at fairs of their peers.

Dr. Macan thanked Provost Cope for her comments and insights.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paulette Isaac-Savage
Graduate Faculty Secretary