

**GRADUATE SUB-MEET AND CONFER UNIT MEETING**  
**September 17, 2007**

**NOTES**

**Members Present:** Dr. John Alessio, Dr. John Banschbach, Dr. Maria Bevacqua, Dr. Anne Blackhurst, Robert Bothmann, Dr. Penny Herickhoff, Dr. Norma Krumwiede, Dr. Jerry Robicheau, Dr. Tim Secott, Chris Mickle

**Notes**

The Notes of May 7, 2007 were approved with the following correction made: Curriculum Proposal 183 BIOL will be changed to ENVR. The Notes will be posted on the College of Graduate Studies and Research website.

**Variable Sub-Title Requests (For Information Purposes)**

BIOL 619 Selected Topics: Tissue Growth and Renewal (2 credits)

**Informational/Discussion:**

**Distinguished Scholars Award**

Blackhurst indicated that strategic priority money has been received to name three Distinguished Scholars per year and award \$5,000 to each scholar. Tenured, full professors will be eligible for the award. Initially the award was to be an honorarium but after visits with the Faculty Association, it was noted that the honorarium might be viewed as merit pay. Blackhurst suggested that the award be changed to a professional development award. Committee members agreed with the change. Blackhurst will work with the Faculty Association to form a committee consisting of one representative per college with the stipulation of the members being full professors and tenured. Blackhurst will also seek input from the Faculty Research Committee regarding the submission process. Scholar recipients would be recognized at an event sometime during the academic year.

**Capstone Supervision Proposal**

Blackhurst distributed a proposal that was developed by the workgroup that met this past spring. The Faculty Committee will discuss the proposal at their October meeting.

**Agenda:**

**Graduate Faculty Policy**

Blackhurst and Secott will develop language to request the following changes in procedure to the policy:

For new faculty beginning employment, Graduate Faculty Status would be negotiated at hire and the faculty member would maintain that status until their tenure year.

Application timing: Propose a change for 2008-2009 to have applications due in College Deans' offices mid October.

Teaching Effectiveness: Proposed a change in language to make it clear that peer evaluations are only one option for establishing teaching effectiveness rather than being required.

Pending applications-Blackhurst will review the pending applications under the Emergency Clause.

**Graduate Resource Conference**

There was discussion of a possible Graduate Research Conference similar to the Undergraduate Research Conference. Committee members were receptive to the idea. Committee membership would be made through the Faculty Association; Secott will ask to have the item added to the FA Executive Committee agenda.

**CGSR Vision Statement**

Blackhurst distributed the Vision Statement from May 2005 and asked that the Sub Meet relook at the document. It will be added to the October agenda.

**Approved By:**

Anne E. Blackhurst, Interim Dean  
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Tim Secott, Chair  
Faculty Association Graduate Committee

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