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GRADUATE DEANS' GROUP  
THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2005, 2:00 – 3:15 P.M.  
4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, ANDY HOLT TOWER

Attending

Mary E. Papke (Chair), Mary Albrecht, Tammy Barnhart, Jerry Faria, Jim Gehlhar, Tom George, George Hoemann, Alan Hollis, Barbara Klinkhammer, Jan Lee, Buddy Moore, Stefanie Ohnesorg, Masood Parang, Linda Phillips, Kay Reed, Rose Ann Trantham, Jenny Wright,

1. Call to Order – Dr. Mary E. Papke, Chair.
2. Proposed Changes in Graduate Council Appeals Procedure – Dr. Mary E. Papke

Dr. Papke presented a proposal for change to the Graduate Council Appeals Procedure. This proposal was developed to accomplish the following:

- To offer the same right of appeal on grade decisions as that offered to undergraduate students.
- To establish policy that provides validity and timeliness to the appeal process.
- To allow the Dean of Graduate Studies to be kept in the appellate position and so remain neutral on the appeal in question until the Graduate Council verifies that an appeal should be heard and sends forward a recommendation of action.
- To establish a clear route of appeal and directions on making an appeal to the Graduate Council through the office of the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies.
- To free up members of the Graduate Council to work on other committees, rather than serving on a standing committee of appeals by allowing the Chair of Appeals and the Dean to appoint appeal panels and hearing panels without conflicts of interest.

The Graduate Deans' Group approved forwarding the proposed changes to the Academic Policy Committee for further review. (See Appeals Procedures.)

3. Postdoctoral Policy – Dr. Buddy Moore

Anne Mayhew, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies, directed the formation of an ad hoc committee charged with evaluating the postdoctoral experience at the university and in making policy recommendations based on the evaluations. Dr. Mayhew expressed concern that the university was not adequately addressing the needs of postdoctoral scholars.

The members of the postdoctoral education committee are Robert N. (Buddy) Moore, J. Douglas Birdwell, Christine R.B. Boake, Clark J. Brekke, William M. Dunne, William F. Harris, and Soren P. Sorensen. The committee discussed the role of postdoctoral scholars in the pursuit of advanced educational experiences to enhance their preparation for academic and/or research careers. These scholars provide major contributions to the research and scholarly missions of the university.

(See Post Doctoral Proposal.) The committee will continue evaluating the current structure of the postdoctoral experience and present the proposal to the Academic Policy Committee on Thursday, April 7, 2005.

4. Announcements – Dr. Mary E. Papke.

Information on the new TOEFL exam was distributed.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.