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Recommendations from the Graduate Faculty Change in the University Manual

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TO: President Frank Newman

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled **Recommendations from the Graduate Faculty for Changes in the University Manual**, is forwarded for your consideration.

2. The original and two copies for your use are included.

3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on **March 10, 1983**.

4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Regents, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

5. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective on **March 31, 1983** (date), three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; (3) you forward it to the Board of Regents for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Regents, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

   **March 11, 1983**

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

1. Returned.
2. a. Approved
   
   b. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Governors
   
   c. Disapproved

   **March 25, 1983**

Form revised 9/82
At two consecutive meetings held on November 18, 1982, the Graduate Faculty approved the following changes in Sections 4.70.10 and 5.16.10 of the University Manual which are hereby forwarded to the Faculty Senate with a request for approval (new material underlined):

4.70.10 The Graduate Faculty. The membership of the Graduate Faculty shall comprise the following: President, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the Graduate School, Dean of the College of Continuing Education, deans of graduate professional schools, deans of colleges in which departments offer programs leading to advanced degrees, chairmen of departments authorized to offer graduate degree programs, the Dean, University Libraries and members of the instructional, research and library faculty who either teach one or more courses on the 500, 600 or 900 level on a continuing basis, serve as major professors sponsoring graduate students, or serve as members of the committees supervising the work of graduate students. When a person ceases to perform the function or functions qualifying him for membership on the Graduate Faculty, he ceases to be a member. Reviews of their Graduate Faculty shall be made by Departments or Programs at least once every four years. Recommendations for removal of a Graduate Faculty member who has ceased to perform the functions required for membership shall come from the Departments or Programs to the Graduate Council through the Dean. The Graduate Council may either confirm or deny the recommendation.

5.16.10 The Graduate Council shall comprise 20 representatives of whom 15 are faculty members (12 elected by the Graduate Faculty, one elected by the Library Faculty, and two appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School), four are graduate students and the twentieth is the Dean of the Graduate School. Representation of the 15 elected members is as follows:

College of Resource Development..............................................1
College of Business Administration.........................................1
College of Engineering.........................................................1
College of Human Science and Services...................................1
College of Nursing...............................................................1
College of Pharmacy.............................................................1
Graduate School of Oceanography............................................1
Graduate Library School.......................................................1
College of Arts and Sciences
- Natural Sciences: Biochemistry and Biophysics, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science and Experimental Statistics, Dental Hygiene, Geology, Mathematics, Microbiology, Physics, Zoology........................................1
- Social Sciences: Economics, Geography and Marine Affairs, History, Journalism, Military Science, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology........................................1

Graduate student members of the Graduate Council shall include the following: The President (or, at the discretion of the President, but not interchangeably, the Vice President) of the Graduate Student Association, serving for the academic year following his/her election or reelection; two graduate students chosen by the Graduate Student Council to serve one-year terms, but eligible for one reelection; one graduate student chosen by the Dean of the Graduate School to serve a one-year term but eligible for reappointment.

In the discussion of Section 5.16.10, two editorial changes were suggested: (1) that the word "faculty" be inserted at the end of the first paragraph between "13 elected" and "members" for clarification; and (2) that "and SCRATCH" be deleted from the Humanities category under the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Graduate Faculty also voted to recommend to the Faculty Senate the addition of a new Section 7.11.23 External Committee Member as follows:

7.11.23 External Committee Member shall be a person of established reputation or distinction in her/his field appointed by the Graduate School specifically to serve as a member of the thesis or defense committee for a particular graduate student. Nominations for appointments, with supporting documents, shall be made by the colleges or departments to the Dean of the Graduate School who will refer them to the appropriate curricular panel of the Graduate Council for advice before approving or disapproving the committee appointment. The appointment will automatically expire with the dissolution of the committee as provided in the Graduate Student Manual. External Committee Members shall receive no compensation unless it is separately contracted.

AM: JW
UNIVERSITY POLICY
POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
ORIGINATOR: Vice President for Academic Affairs
DATE: October 1982

POLICY #:

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS POLICY

APPLICABLE TO:
Postdoctoral Research Fellows

University Manual 7.11.27 POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW shall be a person engaged in research work in a specialized subject area for specific funded research projects. The fellowship is primarily for the benefit of the individual to aid in the pursuit of study or research, and appointments are normally made for a period of up to three years. Postdoctoral Research Fellows may hold their award without reference to rank or salary schedule.

Conditions:

1. The Postdoctoral Research Fellow is not an employee position; such awards are subject to academic screening in ways similar to those of graduate assistantships.

2. Awards are for a limited period of time -- i.e., semester or academic year. Awards are given for up to a three year period.

3. Postdoctoral Research Fellows may purchase health benefits from the University at the group rate including family coverage.

4. The Postdoctoral Research Fellows' schedules are determined by the unit granting the award and are not subject to normal University vacation, sick leave, and compensatory time. Postdoctoral Research Fellows and their families are not eligible for tuition waivers.

5. Postdoctoral Research Fellows will be paid monthly a fraction of the total award (e.g., $10,000 award for one academic year will result in payment of $1,000 per month). There will be no deductions. The fellow is individually responsible to the Internal Revenue Service for reporting in accordance with its established policies on academic awards.

C.A.S., #193--82-11-24

b. Department of Geology

*ADD: GEL 491 Special Topics I (I and II 1-3) Advanced work for undergraduates under the supervision of a member of the faculty; arranged to suit the individual requirements of the student. Not for graduate program credit. Pre: Permission of instructor. Staff

2. College of Business Administration

Department of Accounting

*ADD: ACC 444 Selected Topics in Federal Taxation (I, II) Work in areas of tax research, corporate taxation, partnerships, estates and trusts. (Lec. 3) Not for graduate credit. Pre: 433 Staff

3. College of Human Science and Services

**Department of Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design


4. Graduate School of Oceanography

*ADD: OCS 493, 494 Special Problems and Independent Study in Oceanography I and II (1-6) Research in oceanography conducted as supervised individual study. (Lab. 2-12) Pre: Junior or senior standing in natural science, natural resources or engineering plus permission of staff. Staff

* No action by Graduate Council required. Not for graduate credit.

** Pending approval of II, C. 2.