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**TO: Henry Sayre, President
Faculty Senate**

**FROM: Susan Tornquist, Chair
Graduate Council**

RE: 2000-2001 Annual Report - Graduate Council

Membership on the Graduate Council in 2000-2001 included 12 voting members (Susan Tornquist, Chair, Veterinary Medicine; Jim Ayres, Pharmacy; Jeanette Brandt, Home Economics and Education; Paul Cull, Engineering; Vicki Ebbeck, Health and Human Performance; Steve Esbensen, Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences; Doug Markle, Agricultural Sciences; Chandra Mishra, Business; Steve Radosevich, Forestry; Vince Remcho, Science; Court Smith, Liberal Arts; and Andy Young, student member) and 3 non-voting members (Sally Francis, Interim Dean of the Graduate School; Bruce Rettig, Associate Dean of the Graduate School; and Maggie Niess, Chair of the Graduate Admissions Committee). Mary Prucha, Coordinator of Graduate Student Services and Julie Suchanek and Jill Anderson, secretaries to the Dean, attended nearly all meetings.

The Council reviewed and approved the following Category I proposals: M.S. in Public Policy, M.S. and PhD in Bioengineering, PhD in Materials Science, restructuring of the Masters of Business Administration and dropping of the M.S. degree in Home Economics.

A subcommittee of Chandra Mishra, Paul Cull, and Jeanette Brandt worked with Associate Dean Bruce Rettig to review and approve Category II proposals.

The Graduate Council conducted 4 program reviews this year. They were Apparel, Interiors, Housing, and Merchandise, Science and Mathematics Education, Geosciences, and Zoology. All reports were completed and approved except for Zoology which should be finished soon and available for review when the Council resumes meetings in the fall. In addition, the Council approved the review of the Rangeland Resources program conducted in 2000.

The Council conducted five follow-up reviews of programs. They included Atmospheric Sciences, MBA, Fisheries and Wildlife, Marine Resource Management, and Entomology.

The Council met with Provost Tim White to express their concerns about common issues facing all the graduate programs reviewed.

The Council discussed the report prepared by a committee on Graduate Level Learning chaired by Jack Higginbotham, reviewed recommendations of the Graduate Admissions Task Force, and requested formation of a Task Force on Graduate Admissions Standards.

The Council addressed guidelines for granting posthumous degrees, conditional admissions requirements and narrative transcripts, approval to proceed with thesis examination, and the OSU residence requirement for graduate students, revised guidelines for graduate certificate programs, grievance guidelines for graduate students, physical presence of committee members at committee meetings, and membership on the graduate faculty, and met with the OSU accreditation team.

Subcommittees of the Council worked with Mary Prucha to choose recipients of Oregon Sports Lottery Graduate Scholarships, Baylet and Yerex Graduate Fellowships, and the Herbert F. Frolander Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

administered by the Graduate School.

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