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Memorandum

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TO: Gordon Matzke, President
Faculty Senate

FROM: Mark Christensen, Chair
Graduate Council

SUBJECT: 1999-2000 Annual Report - Graduate Council

Membership on the Graduate Council in 1999-2000 included eleven voting members (Mark Christensen '00, Chair, Pharmacy; Bruce Rettig '00, Agricultural Sciences; Neil Davison '00, Liberal Arts; Jeannette Brandt '01, Home Economics and Education; Steve Esbensen '01, Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences; Jim McAlexander '01 Business (replaced in spring term by Chandra Mishra); Susan Tornquist '01, Veterinary Medicine; Paul Cull '02, Engineering; Vicki Ebbeck '02, Health and Human Performance; Steve Radosevich '02, Forestry; Vincent Remcho '02, Science; Candace Pierson-Charleton '00, Student Member (Candace resigned Dec. 9th and no student replacement for her was named) and three non-voting members (Interim Dean of the Graduate School Sally Francis, Associate Dean Jack Higginbotham, and Graduate Admissions Chair Doug Barofsky). Mary Prucha, Coordinator of Graduate Student Services and Julie Suchanek, secretary to the Interim Dean attended all meetings, providing able assistance and advice to the Graduate Council.

The Graduate Council approved two graduate policies of the items of a proposal brought by the Graduate Admissions Committee during the previous academic year. The Graduate Admissions Committee (GAC) asked to shift three types of cases from decision making by the GAC to the departments to which the student applies. Applicants who have successfully completed a postgraduate degree, and applicants for degree programs who are currently working under the 24-hour rule described in the Graduate Catalog were approved. On the last item the GAC withdrew its request to have the Graduate Council review the policy on Applicants with narrative transcripts.

The Graduate Council set up a subcommittee of the Council to develop a set of guidelines for Colleges, Departments and graduate programs to develop Graduate Certificate Programs. Vince Remcho Chaired the subcommittee, which brought its report to the Council where approval was received. The Guidelines have been forwarded to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

The Graduate Council accepted and approved the reports of two graduate program reviews conducted in the previous academic year (Botany and Plant Pathology and Scientific and Technical

Communications). The Graduate Council conducted five graduate program reviews: Animal Science, Counseling, Economics, Human Performance, Movement Studies in Disability, and Rangeland Resources. Reports on the first four have been approved by the Council and are available for review at the Graduate School. The review of Rangeland Resources will be discussed early in the 2000-2001 academic year.

The Council reviewed and approved two Category I proposals; Master of Arts in Teaching entitled OSU Elementary Teacher Licensure Program in Central Oregon from the School of Education and Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from English of the College of Liberal Arts. A third Category I proposal was received and discussed; Master of Public Policy from the Departments of Economics, Political Science and Sociology. Action on the third Category I proposal is being delayed until the Provost reviews and meets with the Department of Economics to go over the report of the graduate program review of Economics. The Council approved a Minor in Ethnic Studies. A subcommittee of the Council (Vince Remcho, Steve Radosevich and Mark Christensen) worked with Associate Dean Jack Higginbotham to review and approve Category II proposals. During the summer term of 2000, Sally Francis and Vince Remcho will review and take actions on submitted Category II proposals.

Subcommittees of the Council worked with Mary Prucha to identify recipients of scholarships and Fellowships administered by the Graduate School. These subcommittees report reviewing the records of these outstanding students is one of the most pleasant and interesting tasks a faculty member carries out at OSU.

The Council reviewed the report on the Graduate School Review and the new category of Faculty appointments (Clinical Faculty Tract) and reported our findings to the university administration. The Graduate School has set up a subcommittee to study the 400/500 class differentiation policy and the Council will continue to monitor its progress.

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