The Graduate Faculty Council (GFC) met on October 7, 2003 in the ROTC Blue Room.

PRESENT:   Huckins (BL), Nelson (BE), Keith (CmE), Hutzler (CEE), Onder (CS),
Hungwe (Ed), Burl (ECE), Flaspohler (FRES), Gierke (GMES), Lynch
(Hu), Gockenbach (Math), Arici (MEEM), Solomon (SS), M. Vogler (Grad
School)

GUESTS:   B. Rafert (Grad School), Bruce Seely (SS)

1.  President John S. Gierke opened the meeting at 4:05 PM.
2.  Minutes: No minutes from previous year were discussed.
3.  Agenda Items: Overview of the discussion agenda was e-mailed to the members
    by the President on October 6, 2003. Discussions provided on the agenda
    provided.
    A.  J. Gierke opened announcements about the procedures he wanted to follow. He
        asked for comments and opinions. Feel free to contact him.
    A  Introduction to the PhD in Industrial Heritage & Archeology
        •  Bruce Seely presented the proposal. Members have received the documentation
            earlier via e-mail.
        •  A committee was established to help establish the strengths and weaknesses of
            the proposal before going to next level (Paul Nelson-Chair, Oner Arici, Cindy
            Selfe, Jeff Burl, Linda Nagel)
        •  Members were asked to inform their departments of the proposal and seek
            comments.
    B  Introduction of the Certificate in Sustainability
        •  Neil Hutzler presented the proposal. Copies of the document were made
            available to the members earlier via e-mail
        •  This is a 12 cr graduate level certificate program. First ever at MTU.
        •  Members were asked to inform their department of the proposal. Comments
            should be sent to Neil (hutzler@mtu.edu).
        •  It will be discussed during November meeting where an ad hoc committee will be
            established to review and formulate a position statement from the GFC.
    C  B. Rafert gave an update on Differential Tuition Issues related to the impacts
        primarily on research grants. There is a unanimous view by the Research
        Advisory Council and a strong preference by research accounting that MTU
        return to a credit range for graduate student fulltime status. Consideration of this
        issue will be assigned to an ad hoc committee, initially the R&B. Rafert will report
        back as he learns more.
    D  B. Rafert also proposed a joint meeting between Research Advisory Council
        (RAC) and Graduate Faculty Council (GFC). The purpose of the meeting was to
discuss more effective ways of communication between the Research Office &
Graduate School and faculty.

• The joint meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16 ‘03 in Blue Room
between 3:30-5:00 PM. All GFC members are encouraged to attend. J. Gierke
polled those present and the response by those planning to attend was weak.

E Review of Ad Hoc committees.

• A list was circulated for members to add their name to committees of their
choice. Absent members are being contacted separately, via e-mail, by J. Gierke
to identify a suitable ad hoc committee assignment. The ad hoc committees are;

  • Recognition & Rewards (R&R):
    Members: Kedmon Hungwe, Soner Onder

  • Remuneration & Benefits (R&B):
    Members: Neil Hutzler, Richard Brown (added after, via e-mail), Michelle Trim
    (added after, via e-mail)

  • Recruiting & Graduation (R&G):
    Members: Jason Keith, Bruce Mork, Casey Huckins, Cindy Selfe (or Dennis
    Lynch)

  • Policies & Procedures (P&P) - New
    Members: Mark Gockenbach, Barry Solomon, Marilyn Vogler

A Appointment of a GFC member to serve on the Review Committee for the Dean of
the Graduate School. Paul Nelson volunteered. He will chair the committee.

The GFC adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Reported by O. Arici
GFC Secretary