Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Council
November 6, 2001

Meeting opened at 3:06 PM by president Mary Durfee in the ROTC Blue Room.

Attending:
John Jaszczak, Physics
Bruce Rafert, Grad School
Marilyn Urion, Grad School
Paul Nelson, Business & Economics
Michelle Trim, Graduate Student Council
Steve Carr, CS
Casey Huckins, Bio Sci
Mark Gockenbach, Math Sci
Tom Courtney, Materials Sci & Eng
Chung-Jui Tsai, SFWP
John W. Sutherland, ME-EM
Vicky Bergvall, HU/RTC
Julie King, Chem Eng
Mary Durfee, Social Sci

Non-departmental PhD programs:
Volunteers are being sought from GFC to serve on the oversight committee.

Library Hours:
Mary Durfee reported on her discussions with the Library director regarding keeping the library open as much as possible over breaks. Progress is being made.
Dialog will continue.

Working Group Reports:

STIPENDS: Durfee reported that a survey has been done. U. Minn. seems to be our main competitor for our graduate program overall. Others are largely other midwest schools. The WG is working on tracking stipends, tuition, variability, benefits.

REWARDS: King & Nelson report that the WG:
1. has a draft white paper addressing why MTU needs PhD programs.
2. is working on a graduate student wall of honor
3. is looking for ways to reward "good" behavior
4. is looking for ways to become aware of and address issues related to the university being conducive to research/grad study 24/7.

RECRUITING & GRADUATION
Jaszczak reported that the committee has met several times and a long list of tasks has been assigned. Most important right now is for programs to submit their proposals for matching money for recruiting. Jaszczak & Hutzler plan to meet 11/9 to review proposals. Please send them in if you have not done so already.
A matrix of travel has been put on the web for people to check and make use of in distributing promotional materials: http://www.phy.mtu.edu/~jaszczak/travelmatrix.html

Three volunteers are needed to be "van captains" and organize three van trips to WI, MN, MI colleges. Rafert offered to send the van captains to one of several conferences on recruiting located in Las Vegas and Florida! Email your intentions to Rafert soon!

Gockenbach has been receiving results of a survey of currently enrolled grad students regarding how they heard about/decided on MTU. Results to be available soon.

Academic Integrity Policy
Vice Provost Janners will be meeting with GFC at a special meeting Nov. 13 to discuss the draft Academic Integrity Policy. Meeting will be 4:00 PM in the ROTC Blue Room.
Rafert summarized some issues to consider:
1. Process. GFC should be included in the process to consider making or modifying policy involving graduate students.
2. Ownership. Issues to consider involve who holds hearings, and in the case of recommendend grad student dismissal or suspension, who makes recommendations and final decision.

Meeting Adjourned approx. 5:00 PM.
Submitted by John Jaszczak, Secretary