

MINUTES OF GRADUATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

September 25, 2001

Members Attending: Robert Muncaster (Chair), Phillip Griffith (Ex. Officio), John D'Angelo, Lynn McLinden, Joe Miles, David Murphy, Lia Petracovici, Renming Song

The minutes from the September 4, 2001 meeting were approved per corrections.

The GAC Chair began with the discussion on how the VIGRE Grant can affect time to degree for Ph.D. Students. Joseph Rosenblatt will be attending a future meeting to discuss ideas on how to shorten time to degree. The idea of first-year students not teaching was discussed as a way to shorten time to degree.

The comprehensive exam system was discussed. Changes in the system may help shorten time to degree.

The committee also discussed whether or not students needed to have submitted publications before applying for jobs.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 2, 2001.

Agenda for October 2, 2001 - 1:00 pm Room 331 Altgeld Hall

1. Announcements
2. Continued discussion of Time to Degree
4. Math 400