Amendments to Chapter 32.05(2) and (3) The Graduate School: Faculty, Council, Committees

The UWM Faculty approved Section 32.05 of Chapter 32 (Fac. Document 583) of the Laws and Regulations of the University of Wisconsin on May 21, 1971. This faculty document (approved by the Regents on June 12, 1970) defines the authority and membership of the Graduate School Faculty, and creates the Graduate Faculty Council, "a body representative of the Graduate Faculty."

There is an evident analogy between the functions and powers vested in the Graduate Faculty Council and those assigned and exercised by the UW Senate, "representative of the UWM Faculty" (Chapter 31.05). Both the Graduate Faculty Council and the UW Senate meet in regular sessions to consider substantive issues; both may be called into special sessions when prompt action is necessary; both have standing committees to which proposals may be referred for study and recommendations.

Yet the analogy breaks down on a most vital point: the UW Senate "holds the jurisdiction and powers of the Faculty between meetings of the Faculty" and submits "a report for its actions at each regular meeting of the University Faculty-Milwaukee"; the Graduate Faculty Council instead, is not required to submit any report to the Graduate Faculty, and it does not return the jurisdiction and powers to the body it supposedly represents, i.e., to the UWM Graduate Faculty. In other words the UW Senate is accountable to the UWM Faculty, while the Graduate Faculty Council is not subject to giving an account to the UWM Graduate Faculty.

This lack of accountability becomes clearly more anomalous when we consider the structural checks and balances spelled out in the Rules and Regulations of the University of Wisconsin at all levels. All standing committees, including the University Committee-Milwaukee, are required to make reports to their parent body; there are agencies that receive reports even within the administrative structure of the University of Wisconsin. The current code (and the future revised code, I presume) includes specific provisions for regular and special meetings for the express purpose of accountability.

The two proposed amendments are designed to eliminate the anomaly described above. The provisions are not inconsistent with present rules and regulations and simply provide needed procedures for both regular and special meetings of the UWM Graduate Faculty.

This document has been submitted to the UWM Codification Committee on March 19, 1973 and in a revised form on March 27, 1973. The first amendment, as presented below to the UW Senate for discussion and action, has been revised to incorporate the changes suggested by members of the UWM Codification Committee. The original document has been read by Dr. Richmond McQuistan who found it to contain nothing he would oppose as the Dean of the UWM Graduate School.
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(1) To remain as is

(2) Add to existing (2) as an additional paragraph:

Meetings of the UWM Graduate Faculty are held on the Tuesday of the third week of classes during each semester at 3:30 P.M. Graduate Faculty meetings adjourn at 5:00 P.M.

(2a) Add as an additional paragraph:

The regular meeting of the UWM Graduate Faculty during the first semester includes reports from the Dean of the Graduate School and from the Chairman of the Graduate Faculty Council and discussion concerning the state of the Graduate School. The regular meeting during the second semester includes reports from the Dean of the Graduate School and from the Chairman of the Graduate Faculty Council and nominations viva voce to the Graduate Faculty Council in addition to the slate of nominees prepared by the University Committee in accordance with Section 32.05 (3b).

Amendment to Chapter 32.05 -- (3)

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(d) Add to existing (d) as an additional paragraph:

The Chairman of the Graduate Faculty Council shall submit a report of its actions at each regular meeting of the Graduate Faculty. The report shall be considered as automatic consent business unless the Graduate Faculty Council votes to present its report or portions thereof to the Graduate Faculty for Faculty action thereon.

Upon written petition to the Secretary of the Faculty of any 15 members of the UWM Graduate Faculty, any action of the Graduate Faculty Council may be appealed to a regular or special meeting of the Graduate Faculty. Any matters subject to such appeal shall have priority in the preparation of the calendar of the regular or special meeting.

Submitted to the UWM Faculty on the Signature of 41 faculty members.