



NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Executive Committee Meeting

JW Marriott

December 6, 2002

Present: Scott Bass, Susan Guma, Christina Hannah, Ron Kane, Lawrence Martin, Harry Richards, Charlena Seymour

Regrets: Gwendolyn Davies, John Lennox, Martha McKenna, Jack Narayan, Richard Sleight

Also Present: Nigar Khan

President Seymour called the meeting to order at 7:40 A.M.

Ron Kane moved that the minutes of the October 28, 2002 meeting be approved as distributed. Christina Hannah seconded. Passed unanimously.

Membership:

Harry Richards distributed membership reports to the committee. As of 12/2/02, there are 116 paid institution members and 1 associate member. There are 31 new members for 02-03 and a loss of 43 members, for a net loss of 12 members. Members of the Executive Committee were encouraged to review the list and contact friends and colleagues to encourage membership as well as make sure they had also paid. A follow-up mailing to last year members who have yet to pay is planned.

Awards:

Harry Richards reported that the award mailings had been sent in mid-November.

Program:

The Committee reviewed the program for the conference and agreed upon the following schedule:

“COMPETING FOR SUCCESS”

Thursday, April 24, 2003

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration

Harry Richards, University of New Hampshire

1:00 p.m. Welcome

Charlena Seymour, University of Massachusetts - Amherst

1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Plenary Session I

“The Patriot Act and SEVIS: Implication for Graduate Education”

Presenters:

Moderator: Ronald Kane

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Plenary Session II

“The Scholarship of Teaching”

Presenters:

Moderator: Jack Narayan

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Keynote: Performance Counts, Time is the Enemy and Money Matters”

Presenter: John Lombardi, Chancellor, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Moderator: Charlena Seymour

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Reception: Hosted by the University of Massachusetts at Amherst

7:00 p.m. Opening Banquet

Friday, April 25, 2003

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Executive Committee Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Plenary Session III

“Plans for the 2003/04 NRC Assessment of Research Doctorate Programs”

Presenters: Charlotte Kuh, National Research Council and John Lennox, University of Toronto

Moderator: Lawrence Martin

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Plenary Session IV

“Profiles of Excellence: The Faculty Role in Recruiting and Retaining Minorities in Graduate Programs”

Presenters: David Ferguson, SUNY Stony Brook; Ralph Pollack, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; Jocelyn Spragg, Harvard University

Moderator: Scott Bass,

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Awards Luncheon

Graduate Teaching Award

Geoffrey Marshall Mentoring Award

Dissertation Award

Master’s Award

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Plenary Session V

“Graduate Student Life/Student Services”

Presenters:

Moderator: Susan Guma

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Plenary Session VI

“The Development and Maintenance of Interdisciplinary Degree Programs”

Presenters:

Moderators: Richard Sleight, Yale University and Gwendolyn Davies, University of New Brunswick

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Reception: Hosted by the Massachusetts members of NAGS

Evening On the Town

Saturday, April 26, 2003

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. NAGS Business Meeting and CGS Update

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Plenary Session VII

“The Role of Liberal Arts in Graduate Education”

Presenters:

Moderator: Martha McKenna

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. Plenary Session VIII

“Homeland Security”

Presenters:

Moderator: SEE NOTE BELOW

12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m. Closing Remarks

Christina Hannah, University of Maryland – University College

Conference 2004:

Chris reported on her progress in securing a site for the 2004 annual meeting. Locations include Georgetown, College Park, Baltimore and Annapolis. A straw vote of those present was taken and consensus was that Chris should seriously consider the Conference Center at College Park.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 A.M.

Submitted,

Harry Richards

At the meeting there was agreement that a second session on post 9-11 impacts on the campus, under the general topic of Homeland Security. Specifically, Ron agreed to moderate a second session focusing on the impact of new laws and practices that institutions are now being asked to implement, including bio-security. Subsequent to our executive committee meeting, and at a session dealing specifically with Homeland Security issues, Bruce Mallory, Dean at UNH raised a question addressing some of the social policy implications associated with homeland security. The result of this questions lead to an ad hoc session attended by about 30 conference participants, including some members of our executive committee. It has been suggested that we should consider this broader discussion of Homeland Security as the 8th plenary at NAGS. A copy of a proposal is attached to these minutes. Two specific questions for the Executive Committee: Is there support to have the 8th plenary redesigned to focus on the more intellectual discussion as proposed by Bruce? If the answer to that is yes, does anyone on the executive committee wish to moderate, or do we want to ask Bruce to organize?