

Meeting of the faculty of the Graduate Centers of the Graduate School.
Thursday, May 27, 2004. Health Sciences Building.

Minutes, taken by Dr. Ahmed El-Ghannam, Assistant Professor in the Graduate Center for Biomedical Engineering.

Present: Dean Blackwell. Six core faculty members of the Graduate Centers were present:

Dr. Blackwell, the Dean of the Graduate School called a meeting of the core faculty members of the Graduate Centers to deliberate on the agreements pertinent to the transfer of the Graduate Center for Toxicology (GCT) from the Graduate School to the College of Medicine (COM).

Dr. Blackwell summarized the process of the transfer of the GCT to the COM, and then Dr. Vore described the various steps the core faculty of the GCT went through until the decision was made to transfer. The Dean of the College of Medicine is supportive of the transfer and the faculty of the GCT voted in favor of the transfer. Regarding student recruitment, Dr. Vore explained that after the transfer, the GCT can recruit the students using their own traditional way. Both IBS and non-IBS students may be recruited. Dr. Blackwell commented that the graduate program will stay structured the same as currently. Involvement with IBS in the near future will may bring very slight changes. Moreover, the GCT will take their currently allotted student support with them to the College of Medicine.

Q & A

-A question was raised by Dr. Puleo (Center of Biomedical Engineering) regarding the name of the GCT after the transfer. Dr. Vore answered Yes, the name will stay the same. Dr. Blackwell commented that after the transfer of the GCT to the College of Medicine the Director of the GCT will be on an equal footing with Department Chairs in the College of Medicine, and a member of the Chairs Council.

A question was raised if the GCT is moving to a new building, Dr. Vore indicated that currently the GCT will stay where it is. However, new faculty members are going to be recruited and finding a place for them to stay might be an issue.

Regarding recruiting new faculty members, Dr. Vore indicated that they have already started the recruiting process.

Regarding when the GCT will move to the COM, Dr. Vore indicated that the faculty of the GCT already voted for the transfer, the faculty of the COM approved the transfer and the next step is to get the approval of the Medical Center academic council and the University Senate Council.

There was a formal motion to approve the transfer of the Graduate Center for Toxicology from the Graduate School to the College of Medicine. The motion was seconded. At the end of the meeting (4 pm) Dr. Blackwell requested the vote for Motion. The core faculty vote was five in favor, with one abstention (Dr. Vore, the director of Toxicology).