

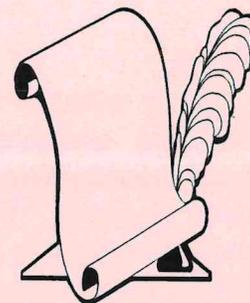
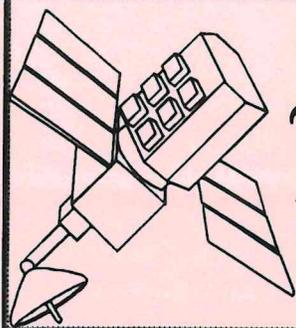
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LA Grad Gazette, the newsletter of the Louisiana Council on Graduate Education, is designed to facilitate the exchange of information among its various members. Items of interest should be submitted to Dr. Marilyn L. Zimny, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, LSU Medical Center, 433 Bolivar Street, New Orleans, LA 70112 (mzimny@lsumc.edu).

The Louisiana Council of Graduate Deans held a meeting March 17, 1995. The meeting was hosted by Dr. Paul Ferguson, Dean, Graduate Studies and Research, Northeast Louisiana University. Others in attendance included Dr. Joan T. Cain, Dean, Graduate School, University of Southwestern Louisiana; Dr. Sandra Eason, Coordinator of Graduate Studies and Assistant to the Dean, University of New Orleans-Lakefront; Dr. Daniel Fogel, Dean, Graduate School, Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge; Dr. Kenneth Rea, Vice President, Academic Affairs, Louisiana Tech University; Dr. Adele Spence, Assistant Dean, School of Graduate Studies, LSU Medical Center; Dr. Rickey Welch, Dean, Graduate School, University of New Orleans-Lakefront; and Dr. Marilyn L. Zimny, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Dean, School of Graduate Studies, LSU Medical Center.

A Wine and Cheese Reception followed a guided tour of the Masur Museum of Art in Monroe, LA the evening of March 16, 1995. The day of the meeting, the President of Northeast Louisiana University, Lawson L. Swearingen, Jr., hosted a luncheon for the group. Words of welcome and support for graduate education were offered at the luncheon by the President and also by Dr. Arlen Zander, Vice President & Provost.



A Continental Breakfast was served prior to calling the meeting to order. The first order of business was a lengthy discussion of the role and purpose of the Council, defining its mission and the use of Council funds. It was finally decided that the Council should continue to exist. An identifiable problem is a lack of communication which leads inevitably to a lack of interaction.

A Newsletter was then discussed and Dr. Zimny agreed to initiate this vehicle as a means of communication. Council funds will be used to support this endeavor. Depending on the amount of news made available by the Graduate Deans this Newsletter could be written three or four times a year.



The name is not "written in stone". Approval and/or suggestions about the name or the concept of a newsletter are sincerely solicited. Future issues will probably be distributed via e-mail.

The following items were submitted for discussion by Judith G. Miranti, Director of Humanities, Education and Developmental Studies, Our Lady of Holy Cross College.

- screening potential graduate students
- legal ramifications of refusing admission
- impact of the American Disabilities Act.

Since Judith G. Miranti was unable to attend this meeting, there was little discussion concerning these issues. More input will undoubtedly be solicited for the next meeting of the Louisiana Council of Graduate Deans.

The effect of Institutional Curriculum Review on graduate education and the value of “perks” for being a member of the graduate faculty were discussed. Undergraduate faculty at many institutions consider attaining the status of a graduate faculty member to be a valuable addition to their credentials.

Consideration of Misconduct in Science turned into a discussion about policies concerning professor/student interaction. It was felt that more documentation about these policies be published in the school catalogues. Such policies include the appointment of a Dean’s representative to the student’s examining committee, other examination monitoring measures, the possibility of a signed agreement between the major advisor and the student, and student evaluation of courses.

Concluding the meeting was a discussion of the establishment of a Statewide Graduate Student Database which would include, at minimum, the student’s educational program, time to degree, postdoctoral experience, and successful placement. All present agreed that communication in the future will be electronic, whenever possible. E-Mail addresses will be solicited in the near future. The next meeting will be hosted by Dr. Rickey Welch at University of New Orleans (UNO)



RECENT NEWS

Dr. Joan Cain will retire from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (USL) at the end of June, 1995. Dr. Cain began her career at USL in 1967 as Assistant Professor of Spanish in the Department of Modern Languages. She was promoted to Associate and then Full Professor and served as Department Head, 1981-83. Dr. Cain became Interim Dean of the Graduate School in 1983 and Dean, in 1984.

Even after becoming Graduate School Dean she remained active in the field of Modern Languages. She was Vice President, President of the South Central Modern Language Association, 1983-85. As Graduate School Dean, Dr. Cain maintained membership in the Louisiana Council of Graduate Deans, Conference of Southern Graduate Schools and Council of Graduate Schools. We wish her well in her retirement.

On April 21, 1995 a reception, dubbed “the Meeting of the Minds,” was held at the home of Dr. Marilyn L. Zimny for graduate faculty members and administrators from the University of New Orleans and Louisiana State University Medical Center, New Orleans, to explore common interests which might lead to preliminary discussion of collaborative programs. A liaison committee has now been formed on each campus to investigate such possibilities.

The State of Louisiana, Board of Regents, approved the Letter of Intent for a Master in Public Health (MPH) Degree at LSU Medical Center, New Orleans on April 27, 1995. The State of Louisiana, Board of Regents, approved the proposal for a Ph.D. in Engineering and Applied Science at the University of New Orleans on May 25, 1995.

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