To: Core faculty of the Centers of the Graduate School

From: Dr. Ahmed El-Ghannam, recorder

Date: 3 p.m. May 27, 2004

Minutes for the meeting to discuss the agreements pertinent to the transfer of the Graduate Center for Toxicology (GCT) from the Graduate School to the College of Medicine (COM).

Core faculty of the Graduate Centers present: Vore (TOX), Wang (TOX), Puleo (Biomedical Engineering), El-Ghannam (Biomedical Engineering), Chen (Nutritional Sciences). Todd Porter (DGS in Toxicology, not core faculty) was also present.

Dean Blackwell presiding.

In the beginning of the meeting Dr. Blackwell summarized the process of the transfer of the GCT to the COM, and then Dr. Mary Vore described the various steps the core faculty of the GCT went through till the decision was made to transfer. The Dean of the Medical School was supportive for 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 will be recruited. Dr. Blackwell commented that the graduate program will stay structured the same as it is now with the possibility of additional IBS students, probably with unnoticeable change. Moreover, the GCT will take their current student support budget with them to the Medical School.

There was a formal motion by Chen to approve the transfer of the Graduate Center of Toxicology from the Graduate School to the College of Medicine. The motion was seconded by Puleo.

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,it would remain the same. Dr. Blackwell commented that after the transfer of the GCT to the College of Medicine the Director of the GCT will be in the same status as a Department Chair in the COM.

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

Regarding recruiting new members, Dr. Vore indicated that they 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 Academic Council and the University Senate, and finally the Board of Trustees. Financial details will be negotiated and prorated depending on the timing of the final approval.

After no further discussion was forthcoming, Dr. Blackwell requested the vote for Motion. Drs. Linda Chen, Dave Puleo and Ahmed El-Ghannam voted for the approval. There was no opposition. Drs Wang, Porter and Vore from Toxicology abstained.

The meeting was adjourned at 4. p.m.