

Professor Applegate was elected by the faculty, and predicted that he will demonstrate the same kind of excellent performance as Professor Jan Schach did during the last year. Professor Applegate was recognized and given a round of applause.

J. Appointment of Dean of the Graduate School (PR 3A)

President Wethington said that PR 3A is an important appointment for the University. He called on Vice President Fitzgerald Bramwell to make the recommendation on PR 3A since it involves the appointment of the Dean of the Graduate School.

Dr. Bramwell said that following Dr. Daniel Reedy's announcement of his intention to retire and return to the faculty, a search committee was appointed to identify and recommend qualified persons for the position. He reported that 72 candidates were considered of which four were interviewed on campus. Professor Mike Nietzel had the unanimous enthusiasm of the search committee for the strength that he could bring to the position of Dean of the Graduate School. This level of enthusiasm was also expressed by the university community to the search committee. Dr. Nietzel currently serves as professor and Chairperson of Psychology and holds a joint appointment on the faculty of the College of Law at the University of Kentucky. Professor Nietzel's research interests are concentrated in the areas of forensic psychology, jury decision making, and the assessment of psychotherapy outcomes, and he is the author of several leading books and 75 scholarly articles in these areas.

President Wethington said that Professor Nietzel is a person who has served the University long and well. He has worked closely with Dr. Reedy and comes highly recommended by a search committee of his peers. He said it was a real pleasure to recommend that Michael T. Nietzel be appointed Dean of the Graduate School effective July 1, 1997. On motion made by Professor Reedy and seconded by Mr. Welenken, Professor Nietzel was appointed Dean of the Graduate School by acclamation. (See PR 3A at the end of the Minutes.)

Governor Breathitt noted that this is a very important appointment, especially in view of the new higher education legislation and the emphasis on the University of Kentucky and its drive to improve graduate studies and research. He said the position is a major challenge and a major responsibility and welcomed Professor Nietzel.

President Wethington recognized Dr. Nietzel's parents who were in the audience and asked them to stand and be recognized, following which they received a round of applause.

President Wethington said he was delighted to have Professor Nietzel join the ranks as Dean of the Graduate School. He was particularly pleased to make this