

**The University of Akron  
Minutes of Graduate Council  
October 23, 2006**

The Graduate Council met on Monday, October 23, 2006, in the Student Union, Room 314. M. D'Amico presided. Present were M. Tausig, H. Blake, K. Caldwell, B. Bagatto, F. Broadway, J. Cheh, T. Hallett, H. Nunn, C. Tessier, and M. Triage.

Absent with notice: T.J. Boisseau, H. Li, and K. Schwarz

Absent: C. Bramlett, L. Ju, D. Reneker, and T. Srivatsan

### **Call to Order**

M. D'Amico called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

### **Roll Call**

H. Blake recorded the attendance of all Graduate Council members present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

J. Cheh made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2006 meeting.

B. Bagatto seconded this motion.

J. Cheh pointed out two typographical errors on page one under the heading "comments" that should be corrected. The last sentence in paragraph two should read "graduate enrollment cannot be looked at the same way as undergraduate enrollment." The second sentence in paragraph three should read, "M. Tausig explained that the goal here is to get outside money into the University."

The minutes of September 25, 2006 with the above-mentioned corrections were unanimously approved.

### **Comments**

M. Tausig had no comments.

### **Committee Reports**

Student Policy Committee – B. Bagatto said that the committee had an online discussion regarding the embargo on theses and dissertations. There was unanimous agreement that it is necessary to implement such embargo, and Kent State University and The Ohio State University are good models to follow.

B. Bagatto continued by stating that there was some agreement among members of the Committee with regard to the ELI requirement for those students who come to the University from foreign institutions where the instruction is in English. There was the concern from some committee members that this might allow some students to side-step the TOEFL. B. Bagatto mentioned that Martha McNamara said this would affect 3 to 5% of international students. The Committee supports the insertion of a policy statement in the Graduate Bulletin.

M. Tausig asked B. Bagatto if he was making formal recommendations on these issues or if the Committee was still in discussion.

B. Bagatto replied that the Committee has completed its discussion and supports the implementation of these policies.

M. Tausig asked that B. Bagatto bring formal recommendations to the next meeting for Graduate Council consideration and approval.

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – H. Nunn stated that the committee met on October 5 to review graduate faculty applications. She presented a log of the 25 applications that were approved by the Committee. F. Broadway made a motion to approve these applications. J. Cheh seconded this motion. The log was unanimously approved as distributed.

John E. Matejkovic	Carrie Scotto	Ping Yi	Lynn Kline
David B. Cohen	Matthew A. Wyszynski	Maria Adamowicz-Hariaz	Rolando J.J. Ramirez
Barbara A. Osyk	Ronald D. Gelleny	Joan Carletta	Bruce Taylor
Bruce S. Cushing	Kevin Cavicchi	Toni L. Bisconti	James Diefendorff
Gregory K. Plagens	James R. Steiger	Barbara O'Connor	Hendrik Heinz
James E. Grover	Guy Bordo	Joseph W. Wilder	Ali Hajjafar
Valerie J. Callanan			

H. Nunn distributed a copy of page one of the full-time tenure track graduate faculty application. She directed Council members to the portion of the application under heading "Category II" where it states that in addition to Category I requirements applicants must have at least four refereed scholarly publications within the last five years. She mentioned that many of the committee members found the phrase "in addition to Category I requirements" to mean that applicants for Category II need at least five refereed publications.

H. Nunn distributed a revision to this language that removes the phrase "in addition to Category I requirements" and simply states the requirements for Category II membership as presented in the *Bylaws of the Graduate Faculty*. Council members unanimously approved editing the verbiage on the graduate faculty application to provide better clarification of the requirements for Category II.

Curriculum Committee – No report.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business for discussion.

### **New Business**

M. Tausig indicated to the Graduate Council that in the *Guidelines for Preparing a Thesis or Dissertation* there is no specific rule regarding use of copyrighted material by a student in his or her thesis or dissertation. He stated that there should be some guideline put in place on this issue. M. Tausig provided B. Bagatto with an example of a policy statement for inclusion in the *Guidelines for Preparing a Thesis or Dissertation* and asked that the Student Policy Committee review this and make a proposal to Graduate Council at the next meeting.

C. Tessier said that she feels students should cite all copyrighted material in their documents, including websites as well as presentations.

F. Broadway stated that if a student is going to be held responsible then there should be specific instructions given regarding plagiarism.

T. Hallett questioned who has access and rights to faculty members' works in progress that are currently on the server and whether or not there is a body at the University that oversees this.

M. Tausig responded that there should be a committee that oversees these kinds of issues. He suggested T. Hallett check with her bargaining unit representative to determine how ownership is defined in the written contract. He also mentioned that Jim Sage, Vice President for Information Technology, may be able to provide further information on this.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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