

The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
October 27, 2008

The Graduate Council met on Monday, October 27, 2008, in the Student Union, Room 314. G. Newkome presided. Present were M. Tausig, H. Blake, A. Akhigbe, TJ Boisseau, J. Cheh, S. Coyner, F. Moore, B. Newby, D. Reneker, and M. Triece.

Absent: P. Chura, T. Srivatsan

Absent with notice: P. DiMarco, K. English, W. Miller, J. Queener, and A. Snell

Call to Order

F. Moore called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

M. Triece made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2008 meeting. TJ Boisseau seconded this motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Comments

M. Tausig shared the following with Graduate Council:

- Graduate School has received responses from a few departments who will be sending a representative to a research conference for the purpose of recruiting minority and under-represented students.
- Lee Gill will be holding a workshop on how to recruit and retain minority graduate students. This workshop will take place on November 3. A memo was sent to the college deans notifying them of this upcoming workshop.
- Representatives from the Graduate School have been attending local graduate fairs to promote all graduate programs at The University of Akron. The Graduate School will be glad to distribute any materials departments wish to provide.

Committee Reports

Student Policy Committee – J. Cheh distributed a report on the Bologna Process. The committee proposes a policy for implementation that allows the Bologna bachelor's degrees to be handled in the same manner in which three-year Indian degrees are processed (on a case-by-case basis). Three-year degrees will be reviewed by the academic units. If the department/school determines that the student has 1) an appropriate background to perform well at the graduate level, 2) acceptable test scores, and 3) would most likely perform adequately in the classroom at the graduate level, the department, via the Graduate School, would recognize the three-year degree and admit the student on this basis. However, if the student does not meet these criteria, the student would have no other alternative but to apply through the Office of International Programs as an undergraduate student with transfer credit.

J. Cheh made a motion to approve the proposed policy. TJ Boisseau seconded this motion. Unanimous approval of the Bologna Process policy as proposed.

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – M. Triage distributed a log of 38 graduate faculty applications that were reviewed by the committee. Of the 38 applications reviewed 37 were approved for the category requested, and one application was referred back to the applicant for clarification. The committee is still awaiting a response from this faculty member.

M. Triage made a motion to approve the graduate faculty applications.

F. Moore seconded this motion.

Unanimous approval of the graduate faculty applications as presented.

Edward Zadrozny	John Schantz	Stephen Skiles	Desale Habtzghi
Richard Steiner	Nathan Ida	Daniel Deckler	Rose Marie Brougham
Dawn Johnson	Suzette Speight	Shelley Baranowski	Frederick Yim
Federico de Gregorio	Prashant Srivastava	Andrew Thomas	Michael Mosebach
Janet Mosebach	John Senko	Matthew Shawkey	James Cossey
Michael McGarry	Francis Loth	Harry Michael Cheung	Jonathan Moore
N. Margaret Wineman	Mary Agnes Kendra	Maryhelen Kreidler	Stephanie J. Woods
Diana L. Biordi	Christine H. Graor	Wanda J. Franklin	Seungbum Lee
Kuldhir S. Bhati	Ingrid K. Weigold	Nidaa Makki	Eric M. Wasserman
Joseph F. Ceccio			

Curriculum Committee – F. Moore distributed a log of seven curriculum proposals reviewed and approved by the committee. ED-09-03, ED-09-13, ED-09-15, FAA-09-001, FAA-09-011, FAA-09-016, and FAA-09-023. The proposals involved development of a new course, course title changes, deletion of courses not offered in the last five years, and distance learning.

F. Moore made a motion to approve these proposals.

M. Triage seconded this motion.

Unanimous approval of all proposals as presented.

Old Business

There was no old business for discussion.

New Business

M. Triage asked where information could be found on the new policy for faculty and students using human subjects in research.

M. Tausig indicated that this information was available on the Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs website. This falls under the Institutional Review Board.

There was some additional discussion on departments modernizing their web pages and the need for resources to do so.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell Reneker
Secretary