

The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
February 23, 2009

The Graduate Council met on Monday, February 23, 2009, in the Student Union, Room 314. G. Newkome presided. Present were H. Blake, M. Tausig, A. Akhigbe, TJ Boisseau, M. DiMarco, M. Hoo Fatt, F. Moore, B. Newby, J. Queener, D. Reneker, and M. Triage.

Absent: K. Aupperle

Absent with notice: P. Chura, S. Coyner, K. English, W. Miller and A. Snell

Call to Order

G. Newkome called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

D. Reneker made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting.

M. Triage seconded this motion.

Minutes were unanimously approved.

Comments

M. Tausig shared the following:

- Memo being sent to college deans indicating that they may tell departments to plan on 90% of last year's allocation for 2009-2010 graduate assistantship funding.
- Changing how non-academic units appoint graduate assistants. Many graduate assistants are working in areas such as dining services which does not contribute to their academic training.

Committee Reports

Student Policy Committee – No report.

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – M. Triage distributed a log of 17 graduate faculty applications as reviewed by the committee. Sixteen were approved for the category requested. One application was referred back to the applicant for clarification on a citation included in her application. Graduate Council unanimously approved the log as distributed.

John W. Goodell	Robert Liang	David N. Steer	LaVerne Friberg
Julia Spiker	Patricia S. Hill	Mary E. Triage	David Ritchey
Yang (Young) Lin	Heather L. Walter	Weiping Zheng	James K. Hardy
Mark Soppeland	Mukerrem Cakmak	Carolyn J. Murrock	Raouth R. Kostandy

Curriculum Committee – F. Moore distributed a log of 31 curriculum proposals as reviewed by the committee. Twenty-nine of the proposals were approved. Two of the proposals were approved pending additional information provided by the department. These proposals lacked necessary detail. The proposals reviewed by the committee include: AS-09-001, AS-09-002, AS-09-036, AS-09-037, AS-09-038, AS-09-063, AS-09-064, AS-09-106, AS-09-108, AS-09-016, AS-09-055, AS-09-009, AS-09-057, AS-09-080, AS-09-083, AS-09-085, AS-09-088, AS-09-028, AS-09-091, AS-09-21, AS-09-011, AS-09-017 (approved pending correction), AS-09-018 (approved pending correction), AS-09-019, AS-09-122, AS-09-

128, AS-09-053, AS-09-132, AS-09-123, BA-09-49, and FAA-09-022. Graduate Council approved the log as presented.

F. Moore stated that the committee is examining how to deal with 400/500 level courses as it would be helpful to have some guidelines when departments initiate these slash course proposals. He will have comments prepared for consideration and discussion at the next Graduate Council meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business for discussion.

New Business

M. Tausig referred Council members to the proposed revision to the *Bylaws of the Graduate Faculty* related to the composition of Graduate Council. Currently, the *Bylaws* call for two representatives from the College of Fine and Applied Arts. With the creation of the College of Creative and Professional Arts and the College of Health Sciences and Human Services the proposed language calls for one representative from each of the newly created colleges.

M. Triage made a motion to approve the proposed change.

TJ Boisseau seconded this motion.

Graduate Council unanimously approved.

M. Tausig stated that this will now go before the Graduate Faculty at the annual meeting in April.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell Reneker
Secretary