

**The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
February 25, 2008**

The Graduate Council met on Monday, February 25, 2008, in the Student Union, Room 314. G. Newkome presided. Present were M. Tausig, H. Blake, J. Cheh, K. English, M. Hoo Fatt, K. Kern, H. Li, F. Moore, J. Queener, D. Reneker, M. Triece, and K. Tusaie.

Absent with notice: H. Nunn and L. Ju

Absent: A. Akhigbe, A. Leigh, 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

The minutes of the January 28, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.

Comments

M. Tausig stated that the Program Review Committee has provided the college deans with information regarding the allocation of graduate assistantships. They are currently reviewing this material. The Program Review Committee surveyed how departments are using graduate assistants. The Graduate School has no control over GA budgets within the individual colleges. M. Tausig will forward to Graduate Council Members the information that was sent to the college deans.

M. Tausig said he still feels there should be some Responsible Conduct of Research implemented for graduate students. This is an official policy of the Council of Graduate School that they would like all institutions to implement. Many questions still need to be answered. How will the University do this? Who will pay? M. Tausig mentioned that there is a grant proposal that will go in next month that may render some funding for this endeavor.

The Conference on Undergraduate and Graduate Student Research will be held on March 27, 2008. There are 150 registered presenters (poster and oral presentations).

G. Newkome said that the University Budget Committee met. He has requested another 2% for graduate assistant stipends.

Committee Reports

Student Policy Committee – No report.

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – H. Blake presented a log of 25 graduate faculty applications reviewed at the committee's February 22 meeting. All applications were approved by the committee. Council members unanimously approved the log as presented.

Celal Batur	Jiang Zhe	Alexander Povitsky	Paul Lam	Rober J. Huff
Virginia Gunn	Brooks Toliver	Adel Migid Hamzza	Alexei Sokolov	Darrell Reneker
Roderic P. Quirk	Coleen Pugh	Gary R. Hamed	Mark Foster	Ali Dhinojwala
Matthew Espe	Wiley J. Youngs	David A. Modarelli	Claire Tessier	Kim C. Calvo
Sandra Spickard Prettyman		Shernavaz Vakil	Sonia Alemagno	Karen Flynn

Curriculum Committee – For the record F. Moore presented the log of 30 curriculum proposals approved by the committee on January 29 and submitted to the Graduate Council for approval via e-mail on February 4. The proposals were approved without question and are as follows: AS-08-057, AS-08-093, AS-08-100, AS-08-059, AS-08-021, AS-08-038, AS-08-040, AS-08-042, AS-08-065, AS-08-067, AS-08-069, AS-08-071, AS-08-096, AS-08-097, AS-08-104, AS-08-015, AS-08-017, BA-08-11, BA-08-34, BA-08-35, BA-08-36, BA-08-37, BA-08-21, ED-08-18, ED-08-17, ED-08-16, FAA-08-095, FAA-08-098, FAA-08-037, and FAA-08-040.

F. Moore presented a log of 11 curriculum proposals as approved by the committee. They are as follows: EN-08-45, EN-08-46, EN-08-47, EN-08-55, EN-08-56, EN-08-57, ED-08-24, FAA-08-021, FAA-08-038, FAA-08-039, and FAA-08-055. Eight of the proposals were fully approved and three were approved pending response from the College of Education. Education representative to the curriculum committee is making sure these three proposals present no conflict with the master's program in the Department of Curricular and Instructional Studies. Council members unanimously approved the log as distributed.

Old Business

None reported.

New Business

None reported.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina English
Secretary