

**The University of Akron  
Minutes of Graduate Council  
March 24, 2008**

The Graduate Council met on Monday, March 24, 2008, in the Student Union, Room 314. G. Newkome presided. Present were M. Tausig, H. Blake, A. Akhigbe, J. Cheh, K. English, M. Hoo Fatt, K. Kern, F. Moore, H. Nunn, A. Snell, and K. Tusaie.

Absent with notice: L. Ju, H. Li, D. Reneker, and M. Triage

Absent: A. Leigh and J. Queener

**Call to Order**

G. Newkome called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the February 25, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Comments**

M. Tausig mentioned that Lee Gill has been appointed as Associate Vice President for Inclusion and Equity/Chief Diversity Officer. At some point he would like to meet with Mr. Gill to discuss diversifying the graduate student population. Currently, the Graduate School is attending local graduate recruitment fairs, and money has been available to faculty and staff attending research conferences that feature students from diverse backgrounds.

M. Tausig stated that the McNair Scholars program is trying to link undergraduate students to graduate departments to which they seek admission (either at UA or another institution).

G. Newkome added that there has been an increase in the number of research grants.

**Committee Reports**

Curriculum Committee – F. Moore presented a log of eight proposals reviewed and approved by the committee. The proposals are as follows: AS-08-084, AS-08-086, AS-08-089, AS-08-114, AS-08-130, AS-08-132, FAA-08-111, and NU-08-01. K. English made a motion to approve. H. Nunn seconded this motion. Council members approved the log as presented.

Student Policy Committee – No report.

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – H. Nunn presented a log of 22 graduate faculty applications reviewed and approved by the committee. H. Nunn made a motion to approve. K. Kern seconded this motion. Council members approved the log as presented.

Lesley Gordon	Martha S. Santos	Ang Chen	Martha M. Kory
Amy Milsted	J. Clayton Fant	John F. Zipp	Stacey Nofziger
Antonio R. Quesada	Curtis Clemons	Linda Marie Saliga	J. Patrick Wilber
Lance Svehla	Diana C. Reep	J. Thomas Dukes	Julie Drew
Annabelle M. Foos	Gunjin Yun	Anil Patnaik	Edward C. Lim
Sandra Perosa	Susan Colville-Hall		

**Old Business**

K. Kern inquired about the status of the money request for graduate assistant stipends.

G. Newkome indicated that he requested an increase at the same level of increase for faculty. Unfortunately, this increase will come too late for this year's recruitment efforts.

M. Tausig added that departments were recently surveyed on how they use their graduate assistants. The results of the survey have been distributed to the college deans.

**New Business**

None reported.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina English  
Secretary