

The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
April 28, 2008

The Graduate Council met on Monday, April 28, 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, L. Ju, K. Kern, H. Li, H. Nunn, D. Reneker, A. Snell, M. Triage and K. Tusaie.

Absent with Notice: F. Moore

Absent: A. Leigh and J. Queener

Call to Order

G. Newkome called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 24, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved.

Comments

M. Tausig stated that the draft revision to the section of the *Bylaws of the Graduate Faculty* related to *Ad Hoc* Temporary graduate faculty status was approved after much discussion. This will now be discussed at the May 1 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

All graduate assistants across campus will be receiving a 3% increase in their stipends.

There will be a reallocation of assistantships among doctoral programs once strong and weak programs have been identified, with resources being moved to the stronger programs. In principle, this is supposed to go on for ten years. This reallocation will not affect master's program.

Questions were raised as to what guidelines exist for this reallocation. Per M. Tausig, no such guidelines exist; however, the college deans are aware that they have to come up with some kind of criteria, and this will be monitored by the Graduate School.

M. Tausig also mentioned that he met with Mr. Lee Gill, Associate Vice President for Inclusion and Equity and Chief Diversity Officer, in order to provide him with some information on increasing diversity among graduate students. Explored things that can be done to help make this happen.

Committee Reports

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – H. Nunn presented a log of 11 graduate faculty applications reviewed and approved by the committee. H. Nunn made a motion to approve. M. Triage seconded this motion. Council members unanimously approved the log as presented.

Gang Zhao	James Holda	Nancy Marion	Joelle D. Elicker
Janice D. Yoder	Aaron M. Schmidt	Kevin P. Kaut	David M. Tokar
Timothy Matney	William J. Hauser	Deborah Marino	

Curriculum Committee – M. Hoo Fatt distributed a log of 12 curriculum proposals that were approved by Graduate Council via e-mail the week of April 14. The proposals were approved without question and are as follows: AS-08-094; NU-08-03; BA-08-30; BA-08-38; BA-08-39; BA-08-40; BA-08-46; BA-08-47; BA-08-48; BA-08-49; NU-08-02; and NU-08-05.

M. Hoo Fatt distributed a log of 14 curriculum proposals reviewed and approved by the committee at its April meeting. The proposals are as follows: AS-08-122; AS-08-139; AS-08-140; AS-08-141; AS-08-142; AS-08-143; AS-08-144; AS-08-145; AS-08-147; AS-08-148; ED-08-26; ED-08-28; ED-08-29; and ED-08-34.

Three of the proposals [ED-08-26, ED-08-28, ED-08-29], all from the Department of Curricular and Instructional Studies, were approved pending requested corrections being made. The summaries of each of the proposals need to reflect all changes being made. Once the department does make the corrections the proposals will be considered as approved.

The Curriculum Committee was with the understanding that more than one change, for example a course change and a program change, could not be included in a single proposal. H. Blake contacted Dr. Rex Ramsier, Associate Provost for Academic Policies, Procedures and Reviews, who said that a department may have more than one change in a single proposal; however, the proposal summary should be clear to indicate all changes that are being made.

M. Hoo Fatt made a motion to approve the log. K. Kern seconded this motion. Council members unanimously approved the log as presented.

Student Policy Committee – No report.

Old Business

None reported.

New Business

Dr. Newkome distributed plaques in recognition of the five outgoing members of Graduate Council.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina English
Secretary