

The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
September 22, 2008

The Graduate Council met on Monday, September 22, 2008, in the Student Union, Room 314. G. Newkome presided. Present were M. Tausig, H. Blake, TJ Boisseau, S. Coyner, P. DiMarco, K. English, W. Miller, F. Moore, J. Queener, D. Reneker, A. Snell, T. Srivatsan, and M. Triage.

Absent: A. Akhigbe, J. Cheh, P. Chura, B. Newby

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

M. Triage made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2008 meeting.

A. Snell seconded this motion.

Minutes were unanimously approved.

Comments

M. Tausig shared the following with Graduate Council:

- Graduate Student Headcount is up 9% and Graduate Student Credit Hour production is up 8%
- A memo will be sent to the deans, department chairs, and graduate directors today from M. Tausig and Lee Gill regarding diversity recruitment. The Graduate School and Mr. Gill's office will provide up to \$1,000 to departments to send a representative to a research conference for the purpose of recruiting minority and under-represented students. The Graduate School will offer up to ten diversity assistantships for new doctoral students. These are in addition to any existing assistantships, and the Graduate School must review the credentials of a proposed awardee before the assistantship can be offered. Lee Gill will host a workshop designed to help departments recruit a diverse student body. This will be held in November.
- Representatives from the Graduate School will be attending several graduate fairs and will promote all graduate programs at these fairs. The Graduate School will be glad to distribute any materials departments wish to provide.
- Committee formed to look at graduate assistant stipends and shifting of stipend dollars among departments. Members of this committee include M. Tausig, Rex Ramsier, Chand Midha, a representative from Human Resources, and a representative from the Controller's Office.

G. Newkome asked that departments take a look at their websites and evaluate the appearance and user-friendliness. Is information up-to-date? Students often form an opinion based on a department's website, so this is something to consider.

M. Tausig added that he has asked the web team to develop templates that departments can use in the developing their websites.

Committee Reports

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – M. Triage indicated that the committee will be meeting this Thursday to review applications.

M. Tausig asked that the committee request departments that have not revised their membership criteria in some time to take a look at doing so.

Curriculum Committee – F. Moore distributed a log of three curriculum proposals as reviewed and approved by the committee. The proposals are FAA-09-003, FAA-09-004, and FAA-09-005. The log was approved at presented.

Student Policy Committee – This committee has not met yet. M. Tausig does have some items he will be forwarding to the committee for review.

Old Business

There was no old business for discussion.

New Business

There was no new business for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell Reneker
Secretary