

**The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
September 24, 2007**

The Graduate Council met on Monday, September 24, 2007, in the Student Union, Room 335. G. Newkome presided. Present were M. Tausig, H. Blake, A. Akhigbe, K. English, L. Ju, H. Nunn, J. Queener, D. Reneker, A. Snell, and M. Triage.

Absent with notice: J. Cheh and A. Leigh

Absent: K. Kern, H. Li, F. Moore, T. Srivatsan, and K. Tusaie

Call to Order

G. Newkome called the meeting to order at 10:08 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 from both the April 23 and September 10 meetings of Graduate Council. These minutes were unanimously approved.

L. Ju questioned what follow-up there has been to the draft resolution provided last semester by Drs. Li and Broadway from the College of Education. A copy of this was attached to the April 23 minutes. H. Blake will contact H. Li for further information.

Comments

M. Tausig has offered money to academic departments to assist in the recruitment of underrepresented students. The sum of the money offered is approximately \$500.

The McNair Scholars program has been refunded.

M. Tausig is currently working with the Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs to arrange funding for student theses or dissertations, specifically for the thesis and dissertation research. Graduate students would submit their requests to the Graduate Student Government, and a committee would review each request.

A technical writing course is currently under development. This course would be designed for those students in the science and engineering areas for whom English is not the native language. The hope is to improve the writing skills of this particular group of students.

Graduate School receives applications for international students who hold a three-year baccalaureate degree, thus some determination has to be made as to whether or not to accept the foreign B.A. or B.S. as an equivalent to a four-year undergraduate degree.

Graduate School has initiated time and effort reports for graduate assistants. The departments are responsible for providing how their graduate assistants are being used. These reports allow the Graduate School to determine how GAs are being utilized.

G. Newkome stated that at the October meeting of Graduate Council he will report on the Alliance.

Committee Reports

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – H. Nunn presented a log of 35 graduate faculty applications as reviewed by the committee. Thirty-four applications were approved, and one application was referred back

to the applicant for further information and clarification. The log of applications was unanimously approved as presented.

Li Jia	Loren Siebert	Robert B. Kent	Ghazi-Walid Falah
Deborah Owens	R. Ray Gehani	Roger C. Mayer	Mahesh Srinivasan
Kenneth Aupperle	Susan Hanlon	Emeka Ofobike	Julia Beckett
Alan S. Kornspan	Ruth A. Oswald	Cheryl L. Ward	John Cuzzocrea
Dena Hanley	Gabriel Giralt	Larry D. Snider	Therese Dowd
Kathleen R. Tusaie	Katharine Kolcaba	Irene Glanville	Harvey L. Sterns
Minel J. Braun	Javier Coronado-Aliegro	Charles Beneke	Matthew Kolodziej
Dimitre Stefanov	Truyen Nguyen	Alberto Montero	Michael Ferrara
Li Wang	Eric Sotnak		

H. Nunn stated that M. Tausig has asked the Membership Committee to review the language for the rule governing *Ad Hoc* Temporary graduate faculty status. The use of the word “other” in the rule may prove problematic as full-time graduate faculty members, who do not meet the criteria for full-time graduate faculty status, are applying for *Ad Hoc* appointments. *Ad Hoc* Temporary status was not intended for full-time members of the UA Graduate Faculty.

The Membership Committee will submit proposed revised language for this rule at the next meeting for consideration.

Curriculum Committee – No report.

Student Policy Committee – No report.

Old Business

None reported.

New Business

None reported.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina English
Secretary

