

The University of Akron  
Minutes of the Graduate Faculty  
April 15, 2004

Dr. George Newkome called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Faculty in attendance: Carolyn Anderson, Raymond Cox, Paul Daum, Roger Durbin, Maryhelen Kreidler, Chand Midha, Timothy O'Neal, Kathy Ross-Alaolmolki, Richard Steiner, and Susan Witt.

1. Dr. Paul Daum moved to approve the minutes of the Fall 2003 Graduate Faculty meeting. Dr. Carolyn Anderson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.
2. Reports

Dr. Maryhelen Kreidler, Vice Chair of Graduate Council, provided a report to the Graduate Faculty. A copy of her report is attached.

Dr. Roger Durbin, Associate Dean of University Libraries, provided a report to the Graduate Faculty on behalf of Dean Del Williams. A copy of his report is attached.

Dr. Chand Midha provided a report on Information Technology Services. He stated that the University will continue with the laptop program. The Provost is working to see that the proper share of the technology fee goes to the academic side. Dr. Midha indicated that this would be 35% of the technology fee. An information technology strategy group has been formed. Five or six representatives from the academic side and individuals from technology services comprise this group, who will determine how to best meet academic needs.

Dr. Kathy Ross-Alaolmolki suggested that e-mailing surveys to faculty and students may be beneficial. Also, having more focus groups may be helpful as well.

Ms. Bridgett Welch, Interim President of Graduate Student Government, provided a report to the Graduate Faculty. A copy of her report is attached.

Dr. Newkome reported to the Graduate Faculty that the Department of Biology continues working on the proposal for a doctoral program in Integrative Biology. He added that the LL.M. in Intellectual Property was approved, and this is one of the first of these programs in the state.

Dr. Newkome shared with the Graduate Faculty that he hired Ms. Billi Copeland as Assistant Director of the McNair Scholars Program. Since her hire, she has made positive changes to this area. Dr. Newkome stated that another change will be taking place in the Graduate School as he begins the search for an Associate Dean. There is a need for an Associate Dean to deal with all aspects of the Graduate School and its operations. This position will begin as part-time, eventually becoming full-time.

Ms. Bridgett Welch asked if the graduate catalog and/or other materials will be printed and sent out.

Dr. Newkome responded that the Graduate Bulletin has gone to an online format as it is exceedingly costly to print and mail hard copies of the catalog adding that many universities are moving to an online document.

3. Action Items Referred from Graduate Council

There were no action items referred from Graduate Council.

4. Old Business

There was no old business for discussion.

5. New Business

There was no new business for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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