

The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
November 28, 2011

The Graduate Council met on Monday, November 28, 2011, in the Student Union, Room 314. Present were P. Allen, G. Bordo, G. Chase, S. Chiu, R. Erickson, J. Goodell, X. Liang, R. Londraville, M. Smith, L. Smolen, P. Srivastava, and E. Wasserman.

Guests in attendance: H. Blake and M. Tausig

GC Members Absent with Notice: G. Newkome

GC Members Absent: N. Reddy and M. Soucek

Call to Order

R. Erickson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Roll Call

H. Blake recorded the attendance of those present.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the October 24, 2011 meeting were approved with corrections noted.

Comments

M. Tausig shared the following information with Graduate Council members:

- UA now has a budget. Every department on campus has had a reduction in its budget.
- Graduate Assistantship budget did not change. There was no loss of GA dollars.
- To date, the Provost has made no mention of those departments in which to invest, maintain, or disinvest.
- Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Creative and Professional Arts are merging. Faculty have approved a new set of bylaws as a result of this merger.
- No status update on the merger of the College of Nursing and the College of Health Sciences and Human Services.
- Graduate School is continuing to work with the Office of the Registrar on DARS. This is almost ready to roll out as the system seems to be working pretty well. Once DARS is fully in place at the graduate-level the Advancement to Candidacy/Graduation Application will be eliminated. Students will be responsible for monitoring their progress in their degree programs.
- Last year the Graduate School regrettably told departments that they had to absorb collecting all supplemental materials for applicants. The Graduate School is currently working with IT, so that students can submit these supplemental materials in the online application. These materials will, then, download into NOLIJ.

Committee Reports and Referrals

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – P. Allen presented a log of seven graduate faculty applications as reviewed and approved by the committee. Approved by Council.

Frank Ward, Jr.
Michelle L. Dumpe

Pei-Yang Liu
Kathleen Ross-Alaolmolki

Jeffrey M. Riedl
Cynthia Capers

Melissa A. Horn

Student Policy Committee – No report.

Curriculum Committee – No report. The committee is currently reviewing four proposals from the Department of Polymer Science.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Bordo
Secretary