

**The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
November 24, 2014**

The Graduate Council met on Monday, November 24, 2014, in the Student Union, Room 314. R. Ramsier presided. Present were P. Allen, A. Booher, S. Blessing, J. Goodell, M. Graham, Q. Jensrud, N. Makki, F. Moore, R. Otterstetter, H. Sterns, P. Thomson, and R. Willits.

Guests in attendance: H. Blake and M. Tausig

GC Members Absent with Notice: J. Puskas, J. Spiker, and B. Zhao

GC Members Absent: A. Joy and A. Thomas

Call to Order

R. Ramsier called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Roll Call

H. Blake recorded the attendance of those present.

Approval of Minutes

R. Otterstetter made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2014 meeting.

Q. Jensrud seconded the motion.

Minutes of the November 10 meeting were approved without dissent.

Committee Reports and Referrals

Curriculum Committee – J. Goodell referred to the log of eight proposals reviewed and approved by the committee. Four of the proposals were those tabled from the October 27 meeting, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-8891, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-9016, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-9018, and A&S-PUBLICADM-14-9290, and four were new proposals, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-10441, A&S-WOMST-14-10997, CHP-NUDIET-14-11036, and CHP-NURIN-13-6425.

Graduate Council endorsed approval of all proposals.

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – F. Moore presented a log of nine graduate faculty applications as reviewed by the committee. The committee found no issues with any of the applications and rendered unanimous approval. Approved by Council.

Richard L. Einsporn
S. Graham Kelly III
Melanie McCoskey

Susan Ramlo
Shengyong Wang

Hamid Bahrami
Ramona Ortega-Liston

Gregory Morscher
Doron Narotzki

Student Policy Committee Progress on Admission and Graduate Student Support Issues.

R. Willits stated that the committee is working on items in subgroups. A survey has been developed by the committee to send to all academic departments, asking such things as how the TOEFL is used in admission decisions, what English competency issues are experienced with international graduate students, and would departments be supportive of on-campus program to help with English competency.

Multi-term Registration Concept

R. Ramsier indicated to the Office of the Registrar has proposed a multi-term registration concept. The basic question is do we want to move to a schedule of classes that is a year in length as opposed to a semester? Multi-registration has to be agreed upon across the board. Everyone does it or no one does it.

Such registration cannot be specific to just undergraduate students or just graduate students. The multi-registration concept is currently in the discussion phase. To date, no decision has been made one way or the other. The college deans were provided this information and asked to share with their department chairs, so that chairs could present this to their faculty. R. Ramsier asked Graduate Council members to identify both pros and cons related to multi-term registration.

New Business and/or Announcements

M. Tausig provided Council members with information related to the shift in state subsidy. More weight will be given to degree completion versus course completion. Counted will be the number of degrees awarded in an academic year. This is an issue that will have a substantial impact on the University and will need to be discussed at all levels.

OBR is requiring that RACGS put together a set of guidelines related to the minimum credit hour requirement for doctoral degree programs. The Ph.D. is considered a research degree, thus the minimum credit hour requirement is 90 semester credit hours. The Doctor of Nursing Practice is approved at a lower number of credit hours as is the doctoral program in Integrated Bioscience.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Graham
Secretary