

The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
January 24, 2011

The Graduate Council met on Monday, January 24, 2011, in the Student Union, Room 314. G. Newkome presided. Present were M. Tausig, H. Blake, G. Bordo, J. Cheh, S. Coyner, M. DiMarco, R. Erickson, T. McCarragher, A. Neighorn, B. Newby, N. Reddy, L. Smolen, and M. Soucek.

Absent with notice: P. Chura and R. Londrville

Absent: P. Allen and L. Orr

Call to Order

G. Newkome called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Roll Call

H. Blake recorded the attendance of those present.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the December 6, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

Comments

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

- The Graduate School is now going to require that all departments document the work of their graduate assistants through eCert. Training for eCert is now available. It is important to account for the contribution of graduate assistants.

Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee – S. Coyner presented a log of 17 proposals as reviewed and approved by the committee: AS-11-038, AS-11-046, AS-11-032, AS-11-002, AS-11-022, BA-11-01, BA-11-15, BA-11-16, BA-11-17, BA-11-18, BA-11-22, BA-11-69, HS-011-002, HS-011-004, HS-011-005, ED-11-03, and ED-11-23. Approved by Council.

Student Policy Committee – No report.

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – M. DiMarco presented a log of ten graduate faculty applications reviewed and approved by the committee. Approved by Council.

Michelle S. Hoo Fatt	Fred K. Choy	Wieslaw Binienda	Ping Yi
Richard Londrville	Steven Ash	Liping Liu	Matthew A. Wyszynski
Roberta DePompei	James Steiger		

Old Business

There was no old business for discussion.

New Business

S. Coyner had a few questions from her colleagues in the College of Education as follows:

- Does G. Newkome undergo a performance review?

G. Newkome responded that he has issued a ten-year report of what has been done in his units. This report is available on the web. He reports to the President, and it is the President who reviews his performance.

- Is the Graduate School aware of the changes in scheduling of four-credit courses?

M. Tausig stated that he has heard of some discussion currently going on in this regard but has received no official communication.

- Do international students whose English language proficiency is low take graduate-level English courses?

M. Tausig responded that such international students attend the English Language Institute, and these courses are at the undergraduate level. All international students must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement before they will be permitted to enroll in graduate-level courses.

M. Soucek shared his concerns regarding eCert and graduate students who are supported by a research grant, specifically related to those students supported by an industrial grant, for once the grant is over these students are placed on another grant to continue funding. He does not want students to lose funding.

G. Newkome suggested using IDC funds to support the students once the grant runs out.

M. Tausig shared with Council members that at the beginning of every semester the Graduate School receives a rush of last minute applications, and his concern is that these are not being properly reviewed by faculty admissions committees. He suggested that departments who don't already have set deadlines for admission should consider doing so. Some Council members shared concerns that a rigid deadline set university-wide could prevent qualified students from gaining opportunities at The University of Akron.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Bordo
Secretary