

The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
August 29, 2011

The Graduate Council met on Monday, August 29, 2011, in the Student Union, Room 314. R. Erickson presided. Present were P. Allen, G. Bordo, R. Erickson, P. Galon, J. Goodell, X. Liang, R. Londraville, N. Reddy, M. Smith, L. Smolen, P. Srivastava, and E. Wasserman.

Guests in attendance: M. Tausig, H. Blake, and A. Doult

GC Members Absent with Notice: G. Chase and G. Newkome

GC Members Absent: M. Soucek

Call to Order

R. Erickson called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Roll Call

H. Blake recorded the attendance of those present.

Welcome and Introduction of Council Members

M. Tausig asked Council members to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 25, 2011 meeting were approved.

Comments

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

- Graduate enrollment, to date, is 1% less than it was last year at this time.
- This year there is going to be substantial reorganization of areas within the University.
- The Provost has distributed capacity sheets, and the University plans to use this information to determine areas in which to 1) reinvest, 2) maintain, or 3) disinvest.
- The State is moving toward a funding formula based on course completion and degree completion.
- State subsidy is only one-fourth of University revenue.

Approval of Guests to Graduate Council Meetings

Graduate Council members approved the attendance of the following individuals to each Graduate Council meeting: Dr. Mark Tausig, Associate Dean of the Graduate School and Heather Blake, Administrative Assistant Senior.

Election of Vice Chair

R. Erickson was elected as Vice Chair of Graduate Council.

Election of Secretary

G. Bordo was elected as Secretary of Graduate Council.

Selection of Standing Committees

Chairs and Vice Chairs of the three standing committees of Graduate Council were elected. Graduate Council members brought forth names of faculty members from their respective colleges who would be willing to serve on the standing committees. None of the standing committees were fully established. Council members were asked to get the names of committee representatives to Heather Blake as soon as possible, so that the standing committees can be fully constituted and begin their work.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather A. Blake
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