

**The University of Akron**  
**Minutes of Graduate Council**  
**September 26, 2011**

The Graduate Council met on Monday, September 26, 2011, in the Student Union, Room 314. G. Newkome presided. Present were P. Allen, G. Bordo, G. Chase, R. Erickson, J. Goodell, X. Liang, N. Reddy, M. Smith, L. Smolen, P. Srivastava, and E. Wasserman.

Guests in attendance: M. Tausig, A. Doutt

GC Members Absent: R. Londrville, and M. Soucek,

**Call to Order**

G. Newkome called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

**Roll Call**

G. Bordo recorded the attendance of those present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the Aug. 29, 2011 meeting were approved.

**Comments**

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

- Fall graduate enrollment is down 4.4% (less 109 students) Credit hours are down 1.8%  
Matches national trend  
Business down because of higher admission standards.  
Education down 10% as state no longer requires teachers to get master's degree for tenure.  
Nursing, Engineering, and Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering all up.
- Concerns for undergraduate funding from the state.
- Provost asked if he ask Graduate Council for advice on implementation of Vision 2020.  
The Areas of research focus related to Vision 2020 will be sent to all Graduate Council members before next meeting.  
All units and faculty will be included in the discussions to formalize the areas of focus for the University.
- RACGS – engaging in revising new guidelines for wide range of programs.

**Committee Reports and Referrals**

Curriculum Committee – M. Smith distributed a log of one proposal, AS-11-024, as reviewed and approved by the committee. Approved by Council.

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – P. Allen distributed a log of 21 graduate faculty applications as reviewed and approved by the committee. Approved by Council.

Bhanu Balasubramnian	Willem Frederik Beuk	Tracey Jean Boisseau	Fred M. Carr
Michael L. Collard	Sujay Datta	Alfred Daviso	Bridgie A. Ford
John Goodell	Suzanne Gradisher	K. Todd Houston	Kevin Kern
Susan Kushner Benson	Suzanne MacDonald	Daniel McCarthy	Michael A. Nelson
Sailaja Paruchuri	Annalilsa Piccorelli	Anthony Samangy	John Savery

Student Policy Committee – No report

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Request that any change in graduate assistantship funding from the state be shared with Graduate Council.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Bordo  
Secretary