

The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
January 23, 2012

The Graduate Council met on Monday, January 23, 2012, in the Student Union, Room 314. Present were P. Allen, G. Bordo, G. Chase, S. Chiu, R. Erickson, J. Goodell, T. Hallett, X. Liang, R. Londraville, N. Reddy, L. Smolen, and E. Wasserman.

Guests in attendance: H. Blake, M. Huff, and M. Tausig

GC Members Absent with Notice: G. Newkome and P. Srivastava

GC Members Absent: M. Soucek

Call to Order

R. Erickson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call

H. Blake recorded the attendance of those present.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 28, 2011 meeting were approved.

Comments

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

- Academic Deans were provided 90% of last year's budget for GA funding.
- In October the Provost was provided with all data necessary for program investment, maintenance, and disinvestment. To date, no information has been received as a result.
- Merger between the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences and College of Creative and Professional Arts is complete.
- Merger between the College of Nursing and the College of Health Sciences and Human Services is progressing.
- Spring 2012 enrollment is down at the graduate-level.
- It would be helpful to have a recruitment plan in place at the graduate-level; however, this has never seemed to be a priority at the University, and the Graduate School does not have the funds to undertake recruitment endeavors.
- Board of Trustees has endorsed Vision 2020.
- Funding at the state-level is shifting toward degrees awarded.

Committee Reports and Referrals

Curriculum Committee – X. Liang presented a log of six curriculum proposals as reviewed and approved by the committee. These include POLY-PSCI-11-0034, POLY-PSCI-11-0468, POLY-PSCI-11-0469, POLY-PSCI-0470, NURS-NURIN-11-0743, and NURS-NURIN-11-0755. Approved by Council.

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – P. Allen presented a log of 13 graduate faculty applications as reviewed and approved by the committee. Approved by Council.

Nita Sahai
Ernian Pan
Mahesh Srinivasan
Matthew Kolodziej

Evonn N. Welton
Xiaosheng Gao
Larry D. Snider

Walter Hixson
Lingyun Liu
Philip Thomson

Atef F. Saleeb
George Chase
Peter K.C. Li

Student Policy Committee – No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

M. Tausig questioned whether or not the provision for the outside representative on a dissertation committee should be looked at. From time to time students, particularly those in a joint program with another institution, will want to have an outside representative from the other institution who is outside of the student's program of study. Currently, the Graduate School requires that the outside representative be a member of the UA Graduate Faculty, outside of the student's home department, with Category II graduate faculty status. Should we leave the current policy as? Should we simply review these requests on a case-by-case basis when they arise? Should we change the policy itself? This was referred to the Student Policy Committee for discussion and recommendation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Bordo
Secretary