

**The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
November 26, 2012**

The Graduate Council met on Monday, November 26, 2012, in the Student Union, Room 314. G. Newkome presided. Present were P. Allen, G. Chase, S. Chiu, A. Joy, X. Liang, R. Londrville, L. Smolen, P. Srivastava, P. Thomson, E. Wasserman, and R. Willits.

Guests in attendance: H. Blake

GC Members Absent with Notice: J. Goodell, M. Graham, and M. Smith

Call to Order

G. Newkome called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call

H. Blake recorded the attendance of those present.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the October 22, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

Comments

- G. Newkome stated that all programs are undergoing evaluation; recommendations will be forwarded to the Provost.
- Graduate education and the research component will be critical as programs are reviewed. Questions under consideration are: Which programs should be retained and invested in, and which should no longer exist? How will online education factor in?
- Last eight to nine years the Colleges of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering and Engineering accounted for 30% of all funded research at The University of Akron. Currently, these areas are responsible for 83% of all funded research while less than 20% is coming from other colleges. Asked Council members why they think this change is taking place. Discussion followed.

G. Newkome asked Council members to continue thinking about these topics and identify concerns, so that this conversation can be continued at the January 28 meeting.

Committee Reports and Referrals

Student Policy Committee – No report.

Curriculum Committee – X. Liang presented a log of 13 proposals as reviewed and approved by the committee. Proposals approved include A&S-PSYCH-12-4465, A&S-PSYCH-12-4467, A&S-PSYCH-12-4468, A&S-PSYCH-12-4469, A&S-PSYCH-12-4476, A&S-PSYCH-11-0833, A&S-POLSC-11-0501, A&S-MATH-12-4199, A&S-MATH-12-4200, A&S-MATH-12-4217, A&S-POLSC-12-4176, ENGR-CIVILE-11-0553, and ENGR-CIVILE-11-0550. Approved by Council.

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – H. Blake presented a log on behalf of the Membership Committee of 8 graduate faculty applications as reviewed by the committee. Seven of the applications were approved. One application was denied as the applicant did not meet the minimum criteria for the category requested. Approved by Council.

Leann Schaffer
Therese L. Lueck

Mardi Ann Parelman
Chih-Hui Lai

Paul Hartung
Robert Jorgensen

Minel Braun

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Smolen, Ph.D.
Secretary