

**The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
February 25, 2013**

The Graduate Council met on Monday, February 25, 2013, in the Student Union, Room 314. P. Allen presided. Present were G. Chase, S. Chiu, X. Liang, R. Londraville, L. Smolen, P. Thomson, E. Wasserman, and R. Willits.

Guests in attendance: H. Blake and M. Tausig

GC Members Absent with Notice: M. Graham, A. Joy, P. Srivastava, and B. Zhao

GC Members Absent: J. Goodell

Call to Order

P. Allen called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Roll Call

H. Blake recorded the attendance of those present.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 28, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

Comments

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

- Notice has been sent to the college deans that they can expect to receive 90% of what they received last year for graduate assistantship dollars.
- Program Review Committee has completed interviews with all department chairs, and recommendations will be forwarded to the Provost within the next ten days. Uncertain how the Provost will work with these recommendations.
- A report including the breakdown of research dollars for the last ten years is forthcoming from the Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs. This will be distributed to Graduate Council members.

Committee Reports and Referrals

Curriculum Committee – X. Liang distributed a log of 23 proposals as reviewed and approved by the committee. Proposals approved include A&S-STATS-12-4268, A&S-STATS-12-4269, A&S-STATS-12-4270, A&S-STATS-12-4900, A&S-STATS-12-4901, A&S-POLSC-12-4177, A&S-POLSC-12-4593, A&S-PHILOS-12-5509, CHP-SPLANG-12-4726, CHP-SPLANG-12-4353, CHP-SPLANG-12-4509, CHP-SPLANG-13-5699, CHP-SPLANG-13-5700, CHP-SPLANG-12-4369, CHP-SPLANG-12-4347, CHP-SPLANG-12-4360, CHP-SPLANG-12-4346, CHP-SPLANG-12-4368, CHP-SPLANG-12-4365, CHP-NUDIET-12-5162, CHP-NUDIET-12-5287, CHP-NURIN-13-5591, and CHP-NURIN-13-5592. Approved by Council.

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – H. Blake presented a log of 17 graduate faculty applications as reviewed and approved by the committee. Approved by Council.

Mary Agnes Kendra
Gunjin Yun
Matthew Juravich
En Cheng
Sadhan C. Jana

Brian L. Davis
Jiang Zhe
Scott Palasik
Nancy Marion

Bing Yu
Michael Sheng
Adel Migid-Hamzza
Rose Marie Brougham

Lu-Kwang Ju
Shernavaz Vakil
Li Wang
Rebecca Ivic

Student Policy Committee – L. Smolen reported that the committee had met to review the new rule for Graduate certificate program requirements, revisions to 3359-60-06.3 Master’s degree requirements, and revisions to 3359-60-06.4 Doctoral degree requirements as referred to them by M. Tausig.

The committee had no concerns with the newly proposed rule for graduate certificate programs and recommended approval. Approved by Council.

The committee had no concerns with the revisions to 3359-60-06.3 Master’s degree requirements as the revisions brought the rule up to date, for it was last revised in May 1991. Committee recommends approval of these revisions. Approved by Council.

The committee had no concerns with the revisions to 3359-60-06.4 Doctoral degree requirements and recommends approval; however, a statement within this rule related to the doctoral residency requirements was called into question by the committee. The statement reads that no student holding a full-time job is considered as fulfilling the residency requirement. All members of the Student Policy Committee felt this statement should be removed from the rule as it is simply impossible for many students to forego their employment while working on their doctoral degrees; however, one member of the committee did not think this should be stricken from the rule. This was opened up for discussion among Council members. Members of Graduate Council had no concerns with removing this statement from the rule. Revisions to the rule were approved by Council.

Old Business

None

New Business

Many Council members expressed concern at how late budget information is provided to the academic units. There seems to be no responsible funding model. An ad hoc committee comprised of G. Chase, X. Liang, R. Londraville, and E. Wasserman has been established to develop a document for Graduate Council’s review and approval. This document would, then, be forwarded to the Provost.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Smolen, Ph.D.
Secretary