

**The University of Akron**  
**Minutes of Graduate Council**  
**April 27, 2015**

The Graduate Council met on Monday, April 27, 2015, in Student Union, Room 314. R. Ramsier presided. Present were P. Allen, J. Goodell, M. Graham, Q. Jensrud, A. Joy, N. Makki, F. Moore, J. Puskas, J. Spiker, and R. Willits.

Guests in attendance: H. Blake, K. Caldwell, T. McCune, and L. Thorpe

GC Members Absent with Notice: A. Booher, R. Otterstetter, P. Thomson, and B. Zhao

GC Members Absent: I. Schwarber, and A. Thomas

**Call to Order**

R. Ramsier called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**Roll Call**

H. Blake recorded the attendance of those present.

**Approval of Minutes**

N. Makki made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting.

J. Goodell seconded the motion.

Minutes of the April 13 meeting were approved without dissent.

**Committee Reports and Referrals**

Curriculum Committee – Nineteen proposals were reviewed and approved by the committee: A&S-ENGL-15-14066, A&S-ENGL-15-14085, A&S-ENGL-15-14090, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-10441, A&S-STATS-14-12799, BUS-FINAN-14-12988, BUS-FINAN-14-12989, BUS-FINAN-14-12990, BUS-FINAN-14-12991, BUS-MANGT-14-13432, BUS-MANGT-15-14169, BUS-MANGT-15-14173, BUS-MANGT-15-14176, CHP-NURIN-15-13415, CHP-NURIN-15-13550, CHP-15-14041, CHP-NURIN-15-14042, CHP-SPORTSCI-15-13259, and CHP-SPORTSCI-15-13260.

Council approved all proposals except for CHP-NURIN-15-14041 and CHP-NURIN-15-14042. R. Ramsier will follow up with the School of Nursing to gather further information on these proposals. Response received from Nursing will be forwarded to Council.

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – Twenty-eight graduate faculty applications were reviewed and approved by the committee. Approved by Council.

Shi-Qing Wang	Thein Kyu	Erol Sancaktar	Igor Tsukerman
Arjuna Madanayake	Shivakumar Sastry	Kye-Shin Lee	Jin Kocsis
Yingcai Xiao	Kathy J. Liszka	Sucharita Ghosh	Stephen C. Brooks
Daniel Coffey	Karl Kaltenthaler	James McHugh	John C. Green
Namkyung Oh	Raymond Cox	Tang Tang	Linda Orr
Marlene Huff	Lori I. Kidd	Linda Shanks	Sandra S. Buckland
Pamela A. Schulze	Elisa Gargarella	Robert C. Schwartz	Varunee Faii Sangganjanavanich

Discussion related to the term of graduate faculty appointments and joint appointments not being synchronous followed. This will be a discussion point for next year.

L. Thorpe shared with Council members that Noel Levitz, a higher education consulting firm, will be visiting the University on June 18 and June 19 to take a look at our graduate admissions and financial aid systems as the first step toward a graduate opportunities analysis. The goal is to streamline the application and application system process as well as streamline the graduate assistantship awarding process.

On June 18 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Noel Levitz would like to meet with graduate faculty, and R. Ramsier suggested members of the Graduate Council be included. An email will be sent to all members, encouraging those that can attend to please do so.

Representatives from Noel Levitz will also be meeting with members of the graduate admissions/recruitment staff, marketing and web team, and graduate students as part of their visit.

R. Ramsier concluded that changes are needed on the graduate side, and this is a good first step in that direction.

R. Ramsier presented plaques to the outgoing members of Graduate Council.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Graham  
Secretary