

**The University of Akron**  
**Minutes of Graduate Council**  
**November 9, 2015**

The Graduate Council met on Monday, November 9, 2015, in the Student Union, Room 314. Dean Chand Midha presided. Present were Philip Allen, Heather Blake, Amanda Booher, Qetler Jensrud, Nidaa Makki, Ronald Otterstetter, Judit Puskas, Martha Santos, Shivakumar Sastry, Julia Spiker, Harvey Sterns, Margaret Tung, Anne Wiley, Nicole Zacharia, and Baomei Zhao.

GC Members Absent with Notice: Monique Mullett and Andrew Thomas

**Call to Order**

Dean Midha called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Heather Blake recorded the attendance of those present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Philip Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2015 meeting. Shivakumar Sastry seconded the motion. Minutes of the October 12 meeting were approved without dissent.

**Committee Reports and Referrals**

Curriculum Committee – Philip Allen presented a log of 29 proposals reviewed and approved by the committee: A&S-ART-15-13265, A&S-DANCETHEAT-15-13484, A&S-DANCETHEAT-15-13486, A&S-ECON-15-15434, A&S-ENGL-15-14062, A&S-MUSIC-14-10861, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-12393, BUS-ACCOUNT-14-11626, CHP-NUDIET-15-14745, CHP-NURIN-15-14329, CHP-NURIN-15-15011, CHP-NURIN-15-15682, CHP-SPLANG-14-12177, CHP-SPLANG-15-13095, CHP-SPLANG-15-14968, CHP-SPLANG-15-15063, CHP-SPLANG-15-15066, EDUC-CURR-13-7098, EDUC-CURR-13-7099, EDUC-CURR-13-8223, EDUC-CURR-13-8224, EDUC-CURR-13-8225, EDUC-CURR-15-13137, EDUC-CURR-15-13150, EDUC-CURR-15-13152, and EDUC-CURR-15-13207. Approved by Council.

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – Nidaa Makki presented a log of 25 graduate faculty applications as reviewed by the committee. Approved by Council.

Melissa K. Stallard	Matthew Kolodziej	Philip Allen	Ronald F. Levant
Amanda L. Thayer	Kristine E. Sonstrom	Terry Hallett	William McHenry
Bindiganavale S. Vijayaram	Patrick H. Gaughan	William E. Baker	Baomei Zhao
Rajeev Kumar Gupta	Qixin Zhou	Nic D. Leipzig	Tirumalai Srivatsan
Rebecca Kuntz Willits	Caleb Holyoke	Hung Ngoc Nguyen	Stefan Forcey
Dmitry Golovaty	Andrey Dobrynin	Terrence O’Sullivan	Gina Martino-Trutor
Heather Katafiasz			

**Ad Hoc Temporary Graduate Faculty Membership – Arts Administration**

Dean Midha stated that an Ad Hoc Temporary graduate faculty application was received for a Visiting Instructor in the School of Dance, Theatre, and Arts Administration about which he seeks input from Graduate Council.

The Visiting Instructor’s requests on her *Ad Hoc* Temporary graduate faculty to serve as the adviser of master’s theses. The *Bylaws of the Graduate Faculty* stipulate that *Ad Hoc* Temporary functions shall exclude directing master’s theses. This instructor is the only faculty member in the Arts Administration program and has been serving in the role of adviser on master’s thesis committees. While students should not be harmed as a result of the situation the policy pertaining to *Ad Hoc* Temporary functions should be followed.

Discussion followed with the recommendation being made that a full-time graduate faculty member must serve as a co-adviser on all thesis committees along with the *Ad Hoc* graduate faculty member.

### **Fall 2016 Graduate School Funding**

Dean Midha indicated that, at this time, there is no budget for Fall 2016.

The goal is to have more self-supported graduate students. Some departments are currently providing support for almost all of their graduate students.

At this point no decision has been made pertaining to Graduate School Funding for Fall 2016, thus departments cannot write assistantship contracts for Fall 2016.

The Graduate School currently pays the general service fee for those students on a graduate assistantship. This will not continue.

More discussion on Graduate School funding will continue throughout the month. Perhaps, a decision will be made by the end of the semester.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shivakumar Sastry  
Secretary