

**The University of Akron  
Minutes of Graduate Council  
October 12, 2015**

The Graduate Council met on Monday, October 12, 2015 in the Student Union, Room 314. C. Midha presided. Present were P. Allen, A. Booher, N. Makki, R. Otterstetter, M. Santos, S. Sastry, J. Spiker, H. Sterns, M. Tung, A. Wiley, and N. Zacharia.

GC Members Absent with Notice: J. Goodell, Q. Jensrud, J. Puskas, and A. Thomas

GC Members Absent: B. Zhao

**Call to Order**

C. Midha called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Roll Call**

H. Blake recorded the attendance of those present.

**Approval of Minutes**

J. Spiker made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015 meeting.  
N. Makki seconded this motion.

Minutes of the April 27 meeting were approved.

**Election of Vice Chair**

J. Spiker was elected as Vice Chair of Graduate Council.

**Election of Secretary**

S. Sastry was elected as Secretary of Graduate Council.

**Selection of Standing Committees**

Chairs and Vice Chairs of the three standing committees of Graduate Council were elected. Remaining members of the standing committees will come from the membership of the graduate faculty.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

C. Midha asked Council members if they had anything they wished to discuss.

M. Santos referred to the list of graduate programs and the respective admission criteria that was distributed by L. Thorpe. The heading of this list was titled, "Professional Master's and Doctoral Programs." There is some question as to how these programs were classified and by whom.

J. Spiker questioned what it currently being done with graduate programs of distinction information that was requested from departments over the summer. No further information related to this has been communicated.

P. Allen mentioned the visit by consultants from Noel Levitz that occurred over the summer. He questioned what the results were from that visit and whether or not anything is currently being done.

H. Sterns expressed the need for more resources for graduate recruitment.

C. Midha responded that on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting will be the list of graduate programs that was circulated, clarification of admission criteria, and results from visit by Noel Levitz consultants.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather A. Blake  
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