

The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
April 28, 2014

The Graduate Council met on Monday, April 28, 2014, in the Student Union, Room 314. G. Newkome presided. Present were M. Blewitt, G. Chase, S. Chiu, J. Goodell, X. Liang, E. Makarius, N. Makki, J. Spiker, H. Sterns, P. Thomson, E. Wasserman, and R. Willits.

Guests in attendance: H. Blake and M. Tausig

GC Members Absent with Notice: F. Moore and B. Zhao

GC Members Absent: M. Graham, A. Joy, and F. Loth

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 March 17, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

Comments

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

- State Support of Instruction formula is about to undergo significant change. Greater emphasis will be placed on degree completion versus course enrollment for awarding state subsidy. Once there is the opportunity for discussion the Graduate School will make recommendations that the University may take into consideration. Attrition can be up to 60%, thus the University could lose money as a result of students not completing graduate degree programs. It is important for the academic departments to focus on advising to help lower the rate of attrition.

Committee Reports and Referrals

Curriculum Committee – A log all proposals approved by the committee since the last Council meeting was distributed to Graduate Council. These proposals include: A&S-CHEM-13-6968, A&S-MATH-14-9301, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-8784, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-8841, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-8842, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-8843, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-8889, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-8890, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-9012, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-9014, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-9292, CHP-NURING-13-6725, CHP-NURIN-14-8676, and CHP-NURIN-14-10001.

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – N. Makki presented a log of 20 graduate faculty applications as reviewed and approved by the committee. Approved by Council.

Mary Jo MacCracken	David Baker	Linda M. Subich	Thomas Leeper
Shing-Chung Josh Wong	Yang Liu	Jordan M. Renna	James Holds
Robert Liang	Debmalya Mukherjee	Ravi Krovi	Patricia S. Hill
Val PIPPS	Jon Miller	Antonia Forster	David Giffels
Alan S. Ambrisco	Janet Bean	Thomas Neal	Maria A. Spence

Student Policy Committee – No report.

Old Business

None

New Business

New Graduate Student Representation

M. Blewitt introduced Stewart Blessing, newly elected Vice President of Graduate Student Government. Either he or Ian Schwarber, newly elected President of Graduate Student Government, will be attending next year's Graduate Council meetings.

Facilitation of Recommendations from Faculty Senate (APC) Related to Graduate Programs

M. Tausig indicated that the University is required to notify RACGS of all programs that are suspending admission, thus it is sensible and appropriate to use the OBR/RACGS requirements for notification of suspension. OBR/RACGS requirements for program reactivation should also be followed by those programs that eventually elect to reactivate. M. Tausig will be sending email communication to the college deans that outline these specific guidelines. Deans should share this information with their departments.

Recognition of Outgoing Graduate Council Members

G. Newkome presented plaques to those Graduate Council members completing their three-year terms.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Wasserman
Secretary