

**The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
October 27, 2014**

The Graduate Council met on Monday, October 27, 2014, in the Student Union, Room 314. R. Ramsier presided. Present were P. Allen, A. Booher, J. Goodell, M. Graham, Q. Jensrud, N. Makki, F. Moore, R. Otterstetter, J. Spiker, H. Sterns, P. Thomson, and R. Willits.

Guests in attendance: H. Blake and M. Tausig

GC Members Absent with Notice: J. Puskas, A. Thomas, and B. Zhao

GC Members Absent: A. Joy and I. Schwarber

Call to Order

R. Ramsier called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Roll Call

H. Blake recorded the attendance of those present.

Approval of Minutes

P. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2014 meeting.

Q. Jensrud seconded the motion.

Minutes of the September 22, 2014 meeting were approved without dissent.

Comments – Rex Ramsier

R. Ramsier commented as follows:

He has been appointed as Interim Dean of the Graduate School, so, by rule, he will be chairing meetings of the Graduate Council and asked that each member of Graduate Council introduce him- or herself.

The Graduate Council should work together, as a body, to help make quality graduate education. Thought should be given to how graduate education can be improved. Perhaps, restricting admission to fall and/or requiring standardized entrance examinations may be ways to improve quality, attracting the best students. Most growth at the graduate-level is going to be within master's degrees. Development of more professional master's degree programs is something that should be considered.

For the next meeting Graduate Council should identify a couple of tangible things can be looked at.

Committee Reports and Referrals

Curriculum Committee – J. Goodell distributed a log of seven proposals that were reviewed and approved by the committee. These proposals include: A&S-CHEM-13-8578, A&S-PUBLICADM-8891, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-9016, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-9018, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-9290, CHP-NURIN-14-10206, and CHP-NURIN-14-10442.

Graduate Council approved the following proposals: A&S-CHEM-13-8578, CHP-NURIN-14-10206, and CHP-NURIN-14-10442.

Graduate Council recommended that the committee revisit the following proposals and provide additional information at the next meeting: A&S-PUBLICADM-14-8891, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-9016, A&S-PUBLICADM-14-9018, and A&S-PUBLICADM-14-9290.

Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – F. Moore presented a log of 22 graduate faculty applications as reviewed by the committee. Twenty-one of the applications were approved. One application was denied as the applicant did not meet the minimum criteria for the category requested. Approved by Council.

Gang Cheng	Mary Verstraete	Rouzbeh Amini	Ge Zhang
Scott D. Sawyer	S.I. Hariharan	John J. Cheh	Il-woon Kim
Marcus Braga-Alves	Jutta Luetmer-Strathmann	Steven C. Myers	Jina Sang
Pei-Yang Liu	Christopher J. Blaha	John A. Schantz	Stephen Aron
Marie Bucoy-Calavan	Galen S. Karriker	Donna Webb	Tracy Riley
Ann-Marie Brown			

Student Policy Committee – No report.

Old Business

Graduate Program Review

R. Ramsier indicated to the Graduate Council that graduate program review is on hold until further notice.

New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Graham
Secretary