

The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
September 23, 2013

The Graduate Council met on Monday, September 23, 2013 in the Student Union, Room 314. G. Newkome presided. Present were M. Blewitt, G. Chase, J. Goodell, M. Graham, A. Joy, N. Makki, F. Moore, J. Spiker, P. Thomson, E. Wasserman, R. Willits, and B. Zhao.

Guests in attendance: M. Tausig, H. Blake, and F. Loth

GC Members Absent with Notice: S. Chiu and X. Liang

Call to Order

G. Newkome called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Roll Call

H. Blake recorded the attendance of those present.

Welcome and Introduction of Council Members

G. Newkome asked Council members to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

E. Wasserman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 22 meeting.
G. Chase seconded this motion.

Minutes of the April 22 meeting were unanimously approved.

Comments

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

- 1,106 master's degrees were awarded this year
- 110 doctoral degrees were awarded this year
- Fall 2013 census numbers are not yet available
- Graduate enrollment up by 12 students and graduate credits hours up by 206
- Lost McNair Scholars program last year; however, adapting resources to enlarge what McNair was to create the Office of Graduate Student Development. Dr. Heather Burton is the director of this newly formed office. Currently contacting UA juniors with 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average to attend workshops about Graduate School. Two workshops have already been held and were filled. It is the hope that this office will help recruit graduate students. Workshops are not only being offered for undergraduate students but for graduate students as well. Graduate students are offered workshops in Responsible Conduct for Research, career development, and grant writing. The office is keeping track of dissertation grant opportunities, and Drs. Tausig and Burton will be visiting doctoral degree granting departments to encourage students to apply. UASIS will continue. All Council members are free to forward any suggestions and/or ideas they may have of workshops/seminars they would like to see offered or may think beneficial to students.

Approval of Guests to Graduate Council Meetings

Graduate Council members approved the attendance of the following individuals to each Graduate Council meeting:

Dr. Mark Tausig, Associate Dean of the Graduate School and Heather Blake, Administrative Assistant Senior.

Dr. Francis Loth and Dr. Harvey Sterns as guests from the Faculty Senate.

Election of Vice Chair

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

Election of Secretary

E. Wasserman 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. None of the standing committees were fully established. Council members were asked to get the names of committee representatives to Heather Blake as soon as possible, so that the standing committees can be fully constituted and begin their work.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather A. Blake
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