
Guests in attendance: H. Blake, L. Chyi, J. Goerke, M. Huff, and M. Tausig

GC Members Absent with Notice: S. Chiu and G. Newkome

GC Members Absent: T. Hallett

Call to Order

R. Erickson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Roll Call

H. Blake recorded the attendance of those present.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 23, 2012 meeting were approved.

Comments

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

- Call for interdisciplinary collaborations to stimulate research groups to put into motion interdisciplinary research in relation to Vision 2020.
- The University is undertaking two efforts which are the generic recruiting of students and getting students to enroll over the summer. Neither of these efforts relate to graduate students. The University’s resources are funneled into recruitment and retention of undergraduate students. There are no resources to support graduate student recruitment, thus there exists no systematic recruitment of graduate students.

Discussion arose regarding such late notice of the graduate assistantship budget each year. Council members indicated that it is difficult to secure the best students when an offer cannot be extended to them in a timely manner. Many choose to go to other institutions as a result. Additionally, Council members noted that stipends at The University of Akron are not competitive with other institutions.

Committee Reports and Referrals

Student Policy Committee – R. Erickson reported that the committee reviewed the current policy in place for outside members of a dissertation committee at the request of M. Tausig. The consensus among the committee was that the policy is fine as it is. There appears to be no immediate need to revise it.

Curriculum Committee – X. Liang presented a log of 86 proposals as reviewed and approved by the committee. Approved by Council.

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EDUC-COUNS-11-0834  EDUC-COUNS-11-0835  EDUC-COUNS-11-0836  EDUC-COUNS-11-0838
Graduate Faculty Committee – P. Allen presented a log of 13 graduate faculty applications as reviewed and approved by the committee. Approved by Council.

Michael Shott       Kristina M. English       Mona L. Klingler       Sharon A. Lesner
Bi-min Zhang Newby  Jie Zheng            Douglas R. Kahl        Ruth A. Oswald
Avraam I. Isayev    Chrys Wesdemiotis     Travis M.R. Hreno       John Huss
Eric Sotnak

Old Business

M. Tausig distributed proposed amendments to the University Rule 3359-24-01 Bylaws of the Graduate Faculty. The revisions reflect the changes in the colleges, the College of Creative and Professional Arts merging with the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Health Sciences and Human Services merging with the College of Nursing.

P. Allen made a motion to approve the proposed changes. R. Londraville seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

M. Tausig indicated that these proposed changes will now go before the graduate faculty at the annual meeting in April.

New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Bordo
Secretary