The University of Akron  
Minutes of Graduate Council  
November 26, 2012


Guests in attendance: H. Blake  
GC Members Absent with Notice: J. Goodell, M. Graham, and M. Smith  

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 October 22, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

Comments  
- G. Newkome stated that all programs are undergoing evaluation; recommendations will be forwarded to the Provost.
- Graduate education and the research component will be critical as programs are reviewed. Questions under consideration are: Which programs should be retained and invested in, and which should no longer exist? How will online education factor in?
- Last eight to nine years the Colleges of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering and Engineering accounted for 30% of all funded research at The University of Akron. Currently, these areas are responsible for 83% of all funded research while less than 20% is coming from other colleges. Asked Council members why they think this change is taking place. Discussion followed.

G. Newkome asked Council members to continue thinking about these topics and identify concerns, so that this conversation can be continued at the January 28 meeting.

Committee Reports and Referrals  
Student Policy Committee – No report.


Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – H. Blake presented a log on behalf of the Membership Committee of 8 graduate faculty applications as reviewed by the committee. Seven 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.

Leann Schaffer  
Mardi Ann Parelman  
Paul Hartung  
Minel Braun  
Therese L. Lueck  
Chih-Hui Lai  
Robert Jorgensen
Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Smolen, Ph.D.
Secretary