The University of Akron
Minutes of Graduate Council
February 23, 2015


Guests in attendance: H. Blake and M. Tausig

GC Members Absent with Notice: A. Booher, Q. Jensrud, R. Otterstetter, and J. Spiker

GC Members Absent: I. Schwarber, A. Thomas, and B. Zhao

Call to Order

R. Ramsier called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call

H. Blake recorded the attendance of those present.

Approval of Minutes

F. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 meeting. P. Thomson seconded the motion. Minutes of the February 9 meeting were approved without dissent.

Committee Reports and Referrals


Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – F. Moore referred to the log of 13 graduate faculty applications as reviewed by the committee. The committee found no issues with any of the applications and rendered unanimous approval. Approved by Council.

Qin Liu  Jordan M. Renna  Anne Wiley  David Perry  William Donovan
Yi Pang  Christopher Ziegler  LaVerne Friberg  Gopal Nadkarni  Ala R. Abbas
Priscilla Sakezles  Maria Alejandra Zanetta  Judith A. Juvancic-Heltzel

Ad Hoc Committee – F. Moore stated that the committee had its first meeting last Thursday, February 19 and is working on a set of items for consideration. The committee members think it would be beneficial to invite President Scarborough to a Graduate Council meeting at which time such items related to graduate education could be discussed with the President. F. Moore will have a list of items prepared for review and discussion at the March 9 Graduate Council meeting.

M. Tausig questioned when information can be expected related to graduate assistantship allocations.

R. Ramsier mentioned that an announcement will be made at Council of Deans meeting tomorrow.

R. Willits shared with Council members a synopsis of what was discussed at the first Vision 2020 Summit meeting. She will have more detailed information forwarded to Council members electronically.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Graham
Secretary