

**Graduate Council
September 22, 2014
226 University Hall
Meeting Minutes**

Graduate Council Members Present:

Roger Anderson, David Barker, David Bowers, Prosper Boyaka, Anne Carey, Holly Dabelko-Schoeny, Russell Fazio, Candace Feck, Rob Greenbaum, Michael Lisa, Jeff Parvin (representing Joanne Groden), Cheena Srinivasan

Graduate School Staff Present: Patrick Osmer, Scott Herness, Ann Salimbene, Susan Reeser (recorder)

A. Dean Osmer began the meeting by welcoming the new and continuing Graduate Council members. He thanked Council for their willingness to serve on this advisory group to the Graduate School.

B. Election of Chair

- Dean Osmer reported that each year a returning council member is offered the opportunity to chair the meetings. He said that Professor Prosper Boyaka had agreed to be considered for this position for 2014-2015. Dean Osmer asked council if any other members wished to serve in this capacity. After discussion, members voted unanimously for Professor Boyaka to serve as chair. Dean Osmer said that council should feel free to send any meeting agenda items to either him or to Professor Boyaka.

C. Approval of Minutes

- Professor Boyaka called the meeting to order and asked for a review of the minutes from the April 14, 2014, Graduate Council meeting and from the August 26, 2014, special meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

D. Curriculum Committee Reports and Actions — Scott Herness, Liaison

- Associate Dean Herness explained the responsibilities of the Curriculum Committee and the review process it undertakes to vet each of the proposals. He said that programs can submit proposals to create new master's and Ph.D. degrees, interdisciplinary specializations, curriculum changes, and program name changes to the Curriculum Committee for review. Proposals undergo rigorous review processes before several university committees before they can be approved. Depending on the proposal, the review chain could include: the Curriculum Committee, Graduate Council, Council on Academic Affairs (CAA), University Senate, Board of Trustees, and, for some proposals, the Ohio Board of Regents' Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Studies (RACGS) before final approval.
 1. Associate Dean Herness explained that the proposal to create a combined professional and graduate degree for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Master of Public Health Degrees–Veterinary Public Health specialization (DVM/MPH-VPH) was a combined program that had not gone through semester conversion and was being presented for information only.

2. Dean Herness said that the proposal to create a combined degree BA-History and MA-East Asian Studies and a combined degree BA-History of Art and MA-East Asian Studies was a straightforward 3+2 combined program whereby students take courses for undergraduate credit for three years and graduate courses for two years for a combined bachelor's and master's degree. Dean Herness gave an overview of the review process and responded to a question from Professor Carey confirming that students in a combined program were able to keep a scholarship as an undergraduate and that they would be eligible to be nominated for a fellowship as a graduate student. The proposal was approved by Graduate Council and will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.
3. Dean Herness informed council that during the semester conversion process, almost all of the graduate programs in College of Education and Human Ecology were discontinued and replaced with new graduate programs. He said that the proposal to revise the curriculum of the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), the Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) the MA, and the PhD programs are all small changes, e.g., to remove electives, correct the number of credit hours, and eliminate typos. The proposal was approved by Graduate Council and it will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.
4. Dean Herness reported that the proposal to create a new Master of Sports Coaching is a new tagged Masters in the Department of Human Sciences in the College of Education and Human Ecology. The program is geared toward people who have been in coaching careers for two or more years in either educational or non-educational settings. Council questioned if the new degree was already a specialization within one of the established degrees, if ethics courses for coaching children were included in the coursework, and what the business relationship was with the Department of Athletics in light of the memorandum of understanding that states that athletics will subsidize the new degree program if there isn't sufficient enrollment? Dean Herness said that he will ask Phillip Ward, professor, Human Sciences Administration, to attend the next council meeting to respond to the questions.
5. Dean Herness reported that the rationale for the proposal to change the name of the Neuroscience Graduate Studies Program to the Neuroscience Graduate Program was being made to align the names for both the graduate and undergraduate programs. The proposal will ultimately need to be reviewed by the Ohio Board of Regents. The proposal was approved by Graduate Council and will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.

E. Updates – Dean Pat Osmer

1. Dean Osmer informed council that the *Graduate School Handbook* had been updated for 2014-2015 and urged members to discard all previous copies. Assistant Dean Salimbene shared with council the updated draft for the “Result of the Final Oral Examination VII.11” policy. Council reviewed the draft and suggested further changes. The revised policy will be sent to Council for final approval at the next meeting.
2. Dean Osmer reported that at Provost Steinmetz's request, Vice Provost Randy Smith is convening enrollment planning meetings with Javaune Adams-Gaston, Wayne Carlson, Dolan Evanovich, Mike Hofherr, and Pat Osmer to discuss Ohio State's enrollment

limitation and expansion goals based on the expectations for the next five years of student demographics, registration, graduation, and on-line courses.

3. Dean Osmer reported that a review of the Life Sciences Network (LSN), the Environmental Sciences Network (ESN) and the interdisciplinary graduate programs (IGPs) (Ohio State Biochemistry Program, Biophysics, Environmental Sciences, and Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology) will take place in 2015. Currently, data and information are being collected for review process.
4. Dean Osmer, Wayne Carlson, Undergraduate Education, and Javaune Adams-Gaston, Student Life, are working together on a project focused on enhancing career services for all students at Ohio State. The first all-university career fair for undergraduate and graduate students was held on September 10-12 to connect graduate students with employers to learn about internships, alternative careers, and job opportunities.
5. Dean Osmer reported that he and Javaune Adams-Gaston, Student Life, gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees about the Financial Literacy and Wellness program. As a reminder, the Graduate School, in collaboration with Scarlet and Gray Financial, had been awarded a grant from the Council of Graduate Schools (funded by TIAA/CREF) on “Enhancing Student Financial Education” whereby students can learn about and manage their personal finances through an on-line website and through peer-to-peer counseling. He said that Associate Dean Herness and Brian Ashton, assistant director, Student Life Wellness Center, are leading the effort. Ohio State was one of fifteen institutions that were selected to receive the \$40,000 award (over a 24-month period beginning July 1, 2013) to participate in the program.
6. Dean Osmer reported that he attended the opening ceremonies for the Ohio State Brazil Gateway in Sao Paulo, Brazil on September 13. He said that this is Ohio State’s third gateway and that there is high level of enthusiasm for collaborations between Ohio State and institutions in Brazil.
7. Dean Osmer invited council to attend each of the two upcoming Graduate School meetings. The October 1 meeting will be held for Graduate Studies Committee Chairs (GSCC) only to give faculty the tools and personal attention they need to mentor and advise graduate students in their programs. This meeting will be held in room 140 Pfahl Hall from 3:30-5 p.m. Also, the Graduate School semester meeting on November 13 for department chairs, GSCC, and graduate program coordinators is designed to provide a general overview of new initiatives, policies, and directives. This meeting will be held from 8:30-10 a.m. in the Blackwell Ballrooms B&C.

Professor Boyaka adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.