

Graduate Council
October 14, 2013
226 University Hall
Meeting Minutes

Graduate Council Members Present:

David Barker, Prosper Boyaka, Anne Carey, Russell Fazio, Amy Ferketich, Lisa Florman (chair), Joanna Groden, Sarah Lang, Michael Lisa, Jeff Parvin, Cheena Srinivasan

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

A. Approval of Minutes

- Professor Florman called the meeting to order and asked for a review of the minutes from the September 16, 2013, Graduate Council meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted with the correction of a typo.

B. Announcements

1. Dean Osmer reported on the outcome of the October 9 Program Council meeting that included the college dean, or their designees, from arts and sciences, engineering, food, agricultural and environmental sciences, medicine, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, and the vice president for research. Also attending Program Council were Kathleen Boris-Lawrie, executive director for the Life Sciences Network (LSN), and Richard Moore, executive director for the Environmental Sciences Network (ESN). Professors Boris-Lawrie and Moore gave updates on the highlights and activities that they have been engaged in to set up and promote the networks. Included are: moving the LSN program and the 4 LSN interdisciplinary graduate programs (Biochemistry, Neuroscience, Biophysics, Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology) to common office space in Biological Sciences and consolidating the 5 ESN/LSN IGP budgets, finances, and HR activities under the management of the Graduate School.

Dean Osmer said that ESN and LSN have great infrastructures in place with more than 3,000 faculty and students involved in the networks and that they have made tremendous progress in fostering interdisciplinary research groups, submitting research proposals, and strengthening interdisciplinary graduate programs in these areas at Ohio State. The websites are: lsn@osu.edu and esn@osu.edu.

2. Dean Osmer gave an overview of the meeting held for graduate studies committee chairs (GSCC) on October 1. He said that there is increasing need to keep programs informed about student mental health problems and about the ways to deal with difficult student issues. Professor Ferketich asked if a reminder about campus resources can be included in the next Graduate School newsletter.
3. Dean Osmer reported that he will travel to China and India from November 1-13 to meet with administrators at various universities to discuss partnerships and dual degree opportunities.
4. Dean Osmer invited council to attend the Graduate School Semester meeting on November 19 for department chairs, graduate studies committee chairs (GSCC), and graduate program coordinators. He said that the meeting is designed to provide a general overview

of new initiatives, policies, and directives. The meeting will be held from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Blackwell Ballrooms B&C.

C. Business

- Dean Osmer reported that as part of the Office of Academic Affairs goal to enhance the graduate student experience, the Graduate School will have a leadership role in improving career services for graduate students. This initiative will be announced at the provosts' level. Council acknowledged that career services at Ohio State are mostly decentralized, focused primarily toward undergraduates, and frequently work at cross purposes with one another. The first steps will involve identifying all of the services on campus and then to determine how they can be coordinated.

Professors Barker and Srinivasan suggested identifying employer-based connections around Ohio to determine which models are doing a good job of recruiting and developing discipline-based boot camps to prepare graduates for the workforce.

D. Graduate Council Curriculum Committee Reports and Actions

1. Proposal to create a Professional Master of Global Engineering Leadership (MGEL) graduate program
2. Proposal to create a Specialized Master in Business–Logistics (SMB-L) specialization
3. Proposal to add a curriculum choice to the MS Pharmacology graduate program
 - **Associate Dean Herness explained the Curriculum Committee's review and vetting process for each of the three proposals saying that each had been approved by the committee. He reviewed the proposals separately and answered questions from council members. Each of the proposals were approved by the Graduate Council and will be forwarded to the Council on Academic Affairs for further processing.**

E. Other

- Professor Srinivasan recommended that the Graduate School include the fellowship and awards gift funds as part of the Campus Campaign effort to increase awareness and funding for the programs. Professor Srinivasan said that successful international alumni and former fund recipients could also be encouraged to support these funds. Dean Osmer said that the Graduate School shares this view and is investigating how to move forward.
- Professor Lisa asked about the review of the rules governing emeritus faculty serving on masters' and doctoral examination committees. Dean Osmer said that the policy was thoroughly reviewed and discussed by council in 2012-2013 and that the Graduate School tried to ensure that the student's best interest was represented in policy.
- Professor Ferketich requested that graduate faculty representatives (GFR) be required to only attend the two-hour doctoral exam and not be expected to participate at the student's departmental presentation. Council agreed that every program's examination process is different and that the GFR should only be required to attend the two-hour oral presentation. Assistant Dean Ann Salimbene will review the policy in the *Handbook* to determine if more specificity can be included in the wording to address this requirement.

Professor Florman adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.