

Meeting of February 19, 2014, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Adamany Undergraduate Library, Community Room

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes: January 22, 2014*

II. Report of the Chair

III. Old Business

- A. Background Check Policy
- B. Other Old Business

IV. New Business

- A. Graduate Exhibition
- B. Other New Business

V. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee
- B. New Programs Committee
- C. Graduate Admissions
- D. Academic Senate Liaison
- E. Liaisons to Academic Senate

VI. Adjournment

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**Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of February 19, 2014
2:00 p.m., Adamany Undergraduate Library, Community Room**

Members Present: A. Biswas, K. Braunschweig, C. Chow, M. Clark, M. Dickson, P. Dubinsky, D. Dungee-Anderson, A. Feig, S. Firestine, J. Green, K. Jackson, G. Mao, J. Martin, A. Mathur, D. McGrann, J. Moldenhauer, S. Ng, K. Paesani, J. Pruchnic, P. Sopory, S. Terlecky, D. Walster, D. Walz, C. Winston, H. Wu, D. Yingst

Members Absent with Notice: R. Benkert, G. Deblase, E. Faue, W. Gibson-Scipio, J. Green, R. Holley, D. Patterson, L. Schwiebert, A. Yaprak

Members Absent: G. Kapatos, P. Kernsmith, M. Malek

Also Present: L. Beale

The meeting was convened at 2:00 p.m. by the Chairperson, Ambika Mathur

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of January 22, 2014.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Background Check Policy

- On February 13, 2014, representatives from Human Resources, General Counsel and the Office of the Provost met with the Graduate School to further discuss the background check policy and its effect on graduate assistants.
- The group discussed three key issues:
 - John Vander Weg, Interim Associate Provost for Academic Personnel, stated that international students, accepting a graduate assistantship, will continue to be subject to the university's background check process in addition to the Homeland Security visa check. After researching the check administered to foreign nationals by Homeland Security, General Counsel believes that the university's background check is still necessary in order to uphold Wayne State's policy.
 - Some programs, in which all doctoral admits receive assistantships, have requested that admissions decisions be tied to employment eligibility. General Counsel will work with the Graduate School to come up with a procedure for interested departments. Any program tying the admissions decision to employment eligibility will need to make this policy visible on all admissions documents and instructions.
 - General Counsel has prepared a FAQ sheet, and they are preparing final revisions. Programs can also provide a link to the full policy: <http://policies.wayne.edu/3-0-10-2-background-checks.php>.

B. Other Old Business

- Master's Advisory Group
 - The group has met twice. At the most recent meeting, they discussed possible functions of a Master's Office within the Graduate School. Some of the proposed roles have included marketing and recruitment, as well as general advocacy of Graduate School policies and procedures. The group plans to have a recommendation by the end of the Winter term.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Graduate Exhibition

- The 2014 Graduate Exhibition will be held at McGregor on March 18. In addition to the regular poster and oral presentations, a panel of doctoral alumni, sponsored by the BEST program, will be discussing careers outside of academia. All students and faculty are encouraged to attend the exhibition.
- Judges are still needed. Please contact Cindy Sokol, if interested.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- The February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The next meeting will be March 5, 2014.

B. NEW PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

- The New Programs Committee has also faced scheduling issues due to inclement weather. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2014.

C. GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

- Dr. Mathur announced that Kathleen Leuckeman has resigned as Director of Graduate Admissions, effective March 31, 2014.
- Early Spring/Summer reports show that applications and admits are up, but new and continuing numbers are down.

D. ACADEMIC SENATE LIAISON

- Linda Beale, Professor of Law, reported that the search for a Vice President for Research is moving forward, and she stated that the Policy Committee has provided a recommendation on the Graduate Dean Search.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David McGrann
Manager of the Graduate Council