

Meeting of April 18, 2012, 2:00-3:30 p.m.  
Adamany Undergraduate Library, Community Room

**Agenda**

**I. Approval of Minutes:** March 21, 2012\*

**II. Committee Reports**

- A. Executive Committee
- B. New Programs Committee
- C. Academic Standards Committee
- D. Graduate Student Coordinator
- E. Graduate Admissions
- F. University Libraries Liaison
- G. Academic Senate Liaison

**III. Old Business**

- A. Graduate Dean 2N Selection Committee

**IV. New Business**

- A. Election of Executive Committee, 2012-13\*
- B. Other New Business

**V. Report of the Chair**

**VI. Adjournment**

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**Minutes of the  
Regular Meeting of April 18, 2012  
2:00 p.m., Adamany Undergraduate Library, Community Room**

Members Present: M. Anderson, A. Biswas, J. Brandell, L. Buis, A. Butler, A. Cano, J. Casida, C. Chow, M. Clark, M. Dickson, R. D'Mello P. Dubinsky, J. Dunbar, T. Edwards, A. Feig, J. Green, R. Holley, K. Jackson, A. Mathur, D. McGrann, J. Moldenhauer, M. Neely, R. Pauley, H. Ratner, L. Schwiebert, M. Smoller, S. Terlecky, A. Weisz, C. Winston, A. Yaprak, J. Yoon

Members Absent  
with Notice: E. Faue, G. Mao

Members Absent: J. Davis, R. Huston, A. Kowluru, M. Malek, B. Neavill, S. Ng,

Also Present: C. Barduca, P. Beavers, K. Lueckeman, L. Romano, C. Sokol

The meeting was convened at 2:05 p.m. by Ambika Mathur, Associate Dean of the Graduate School.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION was made by Professor Paul Dubinsky, seconded by Professor Marcus Dickson, and passed to approve the minutes of, March 21, 2012.

**II. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Executive Committee

- Executive Committee did not meet during the month of April.

B. New Programs Committee

- Assoc. Dean Mathur began the report by stating that the New Programs Committee received a record number of proposals during the 2011-12 Academic Year. She thanked all of the members for their hard work. She stated that the committee discussed and approved four proposals at its April meeting. None of the proposals need to be presented before full Graduate Council. The proposals were:
  - An Admissions Moratorium for the MS in Occupational Therapy
  - The adoption of a dual-title in Infant Mental health by the Doctor of Nursing Practice and the PhD in Nursing
  - A revision to the MS in Immunology and Microbiology, which allows for students to be directly admitted to the program
  - The reinstatement of concentrations to the MBA program

C. Academic Standards Committee

- Assoc. Dean Mathur reported that standardization of PhD student annual reviews was the main topic at the April meeting. She said that the goal is to create an electronic-based template, using current examples and best practices. The template could then be tailored to specific program needs. Assoc. Dean Mathur continued that the NIH will be offering a set of recommendations for student reviews, and these will be considered in the development of the electronic template.

\*Chairperson, Hilary Ratner, Interim Dean of the Graduate School, joined the meeting.

#### D. Graduate Admissions

- Ms. Kathy Lueckeman, Director of Graduate Admissions, reported that Fall 2012 application and admission numbers are still strong. New applications for admission are up 14% and admits are up 61%. Ms. Lueckeman also presented the numbers from the first week of the Fall 2012 registration period. Registration numbers for newly enrolled students increased substantially, while the numbers for continuing students had decreased slightly. She reminded everyone that we are still early in the registration process and the data is incomplete.

#### E. Academic Senate Liaison

- Professor Lou Romano, President of the Academic Senate, led his report by discussing a presentation at Senate by Professor Bonnie Stanton. The presentation was based on research initiatives in the School of Medicine and the potential to generate new interactions between the School of Medicine and main campus.
- Professor Romano continued by discussing budget issues. At the request of the president, the Policy Committee of Academic Senate has been working to develop four strategic focus committees. These committees could deal with aspects of graduate education, so Professor Romano invited Graduate Council members to consider participating.
- Professor Romano concluded by speaking about the new responsibility-centered management system for school/college budgets. He stated that the Graduate School and the Office of the Vice President of Research will be affected by these changes.
- Dean Ratner asked Professor Romano to comment on the Senate's resolution to hold the discussions involving the university community concerning the structure of the Graduate School. Dean Ratner and Professor Romano exchanged views on the resolution.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Graduate Dean 2N Selection Committee

- Assoc. Dean Mathur stated that, at the provost's request, Graduate Council held an election to nominate two members to the Graduate Dean 2N Selection Committee. Four people were nominated, and Professors Andrew Feig and Ken Jackson won the election. Their names have been submitted to the Provost's Office.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Election of Executive Committee, 2012-13

- The nomination period for election to the 2012-13 Executive Committee is open. At the time of the meeting, Professor Laurie Buis was the only person to be nominated. Professors Abe Biswas, Jina Yoon, and Stan Terlecky were nominated during the meeting. The nomination period will remain open until April 25, and an election will follow.

## V. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

- Interim Dean Ratner discussed Wayne State's involvement in Graduate Education Day, which provides graduate students from all fifteen Michigan universities with the opportunity to engage legislators. Five Wayne State doctoral students presented posters in Lansing as part of the event. The students represented five different departments: Biological Sciences, Classical and Modern Languages, English, Genetics, Molecular Medicine, and Physics.

Interim Dean Ratner mentioned that Graduate Education Day was a topic at the Council of Graduate Schools. According to Interim Dean Ratner, the legislators seemed interested in information about graduate education and programs, yet they were not as receptive to the students' poster presentations. Some suggestions for improvement included arranging individual appointments for graduate students to meet with legislators and preparing an economic impact report encompassing graduate education at all Michigan universities. Interim Dean Ratner said that universities need to help to promote a better understanding of graduate education and the role it plays in the state, while highlighting the connection between research and graduate education.

After a brief discussion, Interim Dean Ratner returned to the Council of Graduate School's recommendations for improvement. The message conveyed by the President of the Council of Graduate Schools was that quality is going to be judged by outcomes, most importantly, placement. The president also stressed the importance of data management in order to accurately report these outcomes (placement, time to degree, and completion). Interim Dean Ratner said that the Graduate School will be working to improve data management in these areas.

- Interim Dean Ratner also summarized Wayne State's representation in the US News and World Report's Best Graduate School rankings. She stated that thirty-seven programs were ranked: three in the first quartile, nine in the second quartile, ten in the third quartile, and fifteen in the fourth quartile. The programs in first quartile were Nursing, Social Work, and Nursing Anesthesia. She said that the information will be shared with the individual programs and compared to the NRC data. Interim Dean Ratner concluded that while these numbers are reasonable, we should strive for improvement.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David McGrann  
Secretary of the Graduate Council