



Graduate Council Meeting April 17, 2024

- I. **Report of the Chair:** Review/approve 3/20/24 Graduate Council minutes (page 2)
- II. **Academic Standards Committee (Jeff Pruchnic)**
 - a. **AR/IDP form revisions:** [Annual Review /Individual Development Plan \(Academic Standards Committee Copy\)](#)
 - b. **Academic Standards 9991/9992 revision proposal:** *(attached)*
- III. **Inclusive Excellence Committee Update (Jeff Pruchnic/Jasmine Ulmer)**
- IV. **Executive Committee (Preethy Samuel)**
- V. **NPPR update (Todd Leff)**
 - a. Graduate Certificate in Premed Studies, SOM: [Course Leaf Proposal](#) **(VOTE)**
- VI. **Awards and Fellowships Committee Update (Todd Leff)**
 - a. Revised Rumble Report and Recommendations: *(attached)*
- VII. **Pathway to Faculty Update (Angulique Outlaw)**
- VIII. **New Business**
- IX. **Report of the Academic Senate Liaisons**
 - a. Mitra Santanu, **Budget Committee**
 - b. Fred Vultee, **Curriculum and Instruction Committee**
 - c. Robert Reynolds, **Facilities, Support Services & Technology Committee**
 - d. Stella Resko, **Faculty Affairs Committee**
 - e. Jeremy Kodanko, **Research Committee**
 - f. Stephen Chrisomalis, **Student Affairs Committee**
 - g. Linda Beale, **Academic Senate President**
- X. **Adjournment**

Upcoming meetings: 2-3:30 p.m. Wednesday May 15, 2024: **HYBRID MEETING** (Location TBD)

****5/15/24 meeting will be a dual meeting for those rotating off the Graduate Council and welcoming new voting members elected in Spring faculty elections****

Graduate Council Minutes March 20, 2024

- I. Report of the Chair
 - a. Review and approval of 2/21/24 Graduate Council minutes
- II. Executive Committee (Preethy Samuel)
 - a. Interdisciplinary PhD programs
 - b. Rumble Fellowships
- III. NPPR update (Todd Leff)
- IV. Awards and Fellowships Committee Update (Todd Leff and Leanne Nantais-Smith)
- V. Inclusive Excellence Committee update (Dean Amanda for Jeff Pruchnic)
- VI. Pathway to Faculty Update (Angulique Outlaw)
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Report of the Academic Senate Liaisons
 - a. Mitra Santanu, Budget Committee
 - b. Christopher Kelly, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
 - c. Fred Vultee, Curriculum and Instruction Committee
 - d. Robert Reynolds, Facilities, Support Services & Technology Committee
 - e. Stella Resko, Faculty Affairs Committee
 - f. Jeremy Kodanko, Research Committee
 - g. Stephen Chrisomalis, Student Affairs Committee
 - h. Linda Beale, Academic Senate President
- IX. Adjournment

Upcoming meetings: 2-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays 4/17/24 and 5/15/24

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Attendees:

Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, Paul Beasley, Stephen Chrisomalis, Christine D'Arpa, Andrew Garrett, Tamara Hew-Butler, Paul Johnson, Christopher Kelly, Ulrike Klueh, Jeremy Kodanko, Jeffrey Martin, Todd Leff, Larry Matherly, David Moss, Angulique Outlaw, Leanne Nantais-Smith, Lisa Panisch, Deborah Patterson, Sarah Pearline, Sherry Quinn, Stella Resko, Bob Reynolds, Preethy Samuel, Mitra Santanu Andrea Tangari, Fred Vultee, Daniel Walz, Mary Wood, Zhengping Yi, Young Ro-Yoon

Absent with Notice:

Linda Beale, Agbaglah Gbemeho, Jeff Pruchnic, Sally Villasenor, Jennifer Wareham, Kelly Young

The Dean called the meeting to order and asked if there were any revisions or corrections to the February minutes.

Hearing none the minutes were approved as written.

The Dean noted the passing of Grad Council member April Vallerand from the College of Nursing.

Executive Committee

Preethy Samuel said the issue of housing interdisciplinary graduate programs stills needs consensus. The Dean noted that a memo has been forwarded to the Provost's office outlining a procedure for housing interdisciplinary programs. Leff said the memo would be made available to Grad Council once there is feedback from the Provost's office. It was noted that the CMMG operates as a university center and not an interdisciplinary program. He reported the issue at hand concerns a new program that is being proposed across disciplines that has no easily identifiable home and identifies who handles the administrative burdens such as assessment and admissions, etc. A Grad Council member said the Provost has discussed this issue at the Academic Senate and there has been delays in moving forward, but there is discussion on looking at interdisciplinary programs at the master's and certificate levels and perhaps even undergrad programs. He added that a working group will be put together to look at not just PhD interdisciplinary programs. The Dean said she would reach out to the Provost to see if a task force is being seated.

The next issue discussed was the Rumble report and recommendations. The Dean said it may be discussed at the next Dean's Council. She added that it is simply a report and it will be considered by the Provost, among others. Leff will discuss the Rumble report in more depth later in the meeting.

The Dean said a committee will be formed to align with the Academic Senate's work on AI. A Grad Council member who also serves on the Executive Committee will report in more detail on the Senate's work to date.

NPPR

No updates since the February meeting

Awards & Fellowships Report and Recommendations

The A&F voted this week to include the MFA students in the report and recommendations. This means the tables need to be redone. Following this, the committee will once again vote on the report and recommendations and the document will be sent to Grad Council for consideration. The Dean said she wants to see a vote on the contents of the report and that any concerns are recorded and that they are part of the report as it goes forward. Leff noted that most of the recommended changes would decrease Rumbles at the SOM and increase them at the College of Education. Dan Walz said under this recommendation there would be a net loss of 8 Rumbles. He said the SOM does not have GTAs. He added that are certain types of metrics are not included in the Committee's analysis such as publications and presentations. Leff added that the role of the Grad School is to determine the number of fellowships allocated to each S/C, but to have no input on how they distributed at the S/C level and language describing this will be included at the end of the report. He added three Rumbles were removed from the overall Rumble pool and given to the MD/PhD program. Those three were included in the analysis. Walz said the bottom line is that the SOM relies heavily on Rumbles to recruit and support students. Leff added that time-to-degree was not part of the analysis.

Inclusive Excellence Committee

Dean Amanda reported for Jeff Pruchnic and Jasmine Ulmer and said discussions regarding the Dean's Diversity Fellows are ongoing. She noted that students in the program have said they'd like the name to change.

Pathway to Faculty update

Angulique Outlaw reported that two of the current fellows are being recruited by other universities. Currently three offer letters have been signed with August start dates. The Dean reported that there are components of the Melon Grant that overlap with the Pathway program. She also noted that a Pathway fellow in physics is being recruited by another institution and the only way to keep her is to offer a substantial financial package. She said WSU came together to offer a competitive package to keep the fellow here.

New Business

A Grad Council asked if there were any updates regarding mentoring and pathways for teaching faculty and the issue of expanding the graduate faculty ranks.

Academic Senate Liaisons

Fred Vultee, Curriculum and Instruction Committee

He will report in April on the Wayne Experience program, which is primarily an undergraduate issue.

Robert Reynolds, Facilities, Support Services & Technology Committee

WSU is looking at re-keying the entire university in the next five years costing several million dollars. There is also consideration of updating heating and cooling in 5057 Woodward. He added that computers purchased for teaching and research will be subjected to basic security constraints. The Dean added that graduate students and work in labs must be part of the discussion around re-keying the university. Often times, the focus is on GTAs and classroom access without considering lab access.

Stella Resko, Faculty Affairs Committee

The music annex is being considered for a faculty club and the committee recently toured spaces on campus that could be used for a faculty club.

Jeremy Kodanko, Research Committee

Jeremy will report next month.

Stephen Chrisomalis, Student Affairs Committee

Sherry Quinn presented to the Student Affairs Committee in February, which he said was important to provide the graduate perspective since the committee largely focuses on undergrad issues.

A question came up regarding AI-enabled Zoom meetings and if data from the Grad Council meetings was being harvested. A Grad Council member put a link in the chat from Zoom stating that Zoom does

not use any of the audio video chat, screen sharing attachments or communications such as poll results, whiteboard and reactions to train Zoom's or any third party artificial intelligence models.

Graduate Research Symposium 2024 Recap

The Dean reported that 150 grad students participated in the poster presentations; 17 presented platform talks; and 8 competed in the 3MT in the first in-person symposium since 2020. Next year, there are plans to increase the number of platform talks.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Wood
Graduate School Program Director