



Graduate Council Agenda November 20, 2024, 2-3:30 p.m.

- I. Report of the Chair
 - a. Review and approval of October 16, 2024 minutes (pages 2-5)
 - b. Presentation by Provost Laurie Lauzon Clabo (2-2:30 p.m.)
 - c. Presentation by Vice President for Research Ezemenari Obasi (2:30-3 p.m.)
- II. Executive Committee (Preethy Samuel, Chair)
 - a. 11/13/24 meeting recap
- III. Academic Standards, Jeff Pruchnic
 - a. PhD credit hour reduction update
 - b. Graduate Bulletin changes (discussion)
- IV. New Programs and Program Review (NPPR), Todd Leff
 - Master's of Health Care Administration, (vote)
<https://nextbulletins.wayne.edu/courseleaf/approve/?role=NPPR>
- V. Awards and Fellowships Committee, Todd Leff
- VI. Inclusive Excellence Committee, Jeff Pruchnic
- VII. Pathway to Faculty, Angulique Outlaw:
- VIII. Student Senate Report, Chris Roberts
- IX. Report of the Academic Senate Liaisons
 - a. **Vacancy**, Curriculum and Instruction Committee
 - b. **Gilou Agbaglah**, Facilities, Support Services & Technology Committee
 - c. **Santanu Mitra**, Budget Committee
 - d. **Stella Resko**, Faculty Affairs Committee
 - e. **Bob Reynolds**, Research Committee
 - f. **Stephen Chrisomalis**, Student Affairs Committee
 - g. **Linda Beale**, Academic Senate President
- X. Adjournment

Previous Meeting's Minutes

Graduate Council Agenda October 16, 2024

- XI. Report of the Chair**
 - a. Review and approval of September 18, 2024 minutes (pages 2-6)
 - b. Preparation for November Graduate Council meeting
 - c. Update on PhD credit hour reduction proposal
 - d. Seating committee on leave and appeal policies for graduate students
- XII. Executive Committee (Preethy Samuel, Chair)**
 - a. **10/9/24 meeting recap**
- XIII. Report of the Academic Senate Liaisons**
 - a. Curriculum and Instruction Committee
 - b. Facilities, Support Services & Technology Committee
 - c. **Santanu Mitra**, Budget Committee
 - d. **Stella Resko**, Faculty Affairs Committee
 - e. **Bob Reynolds**, Research Committee
 - f. **Stephen Chrisomalis**, Student Affairs Committee
 - g. **Linda Beale**, Academic Senate President
- XIV. Adjournment**

Attendees: Amanda Bryant-Friedrich Maha Albdour, Linda Beale, Ed Cackett, Allana Clarke, Agbaglah Gbemeho, Stephen Chrisomalis, Andrew Garrett, ,Susan Gabel, Paul Johnson, Christopher Kelly, Ulrike Klueh, Jeremy Kodanko, Amanda Miller, Santanu Mitra, Kristen Purrington, Leanne Nantais-Smith, Lisa Panisch, Deborah Patterson, Kelly Pfeifer, Jeff Pruchnic, Kristen Purrington, Sherry Quinn, Stella Resko, Bob Reynolds, Chris Roberts, Andrea Tangari, Stephanie Tong, Sally Villasenor, Mary Wood, Zhengping Yi, Young Ro-Yoon.

Absent with Notice: Christine D'Arpa, Nancy George, Paul Beasley, Linda Hazlett, Chris Kelly, Todd Leff, Angulique Outlaw, Preethy Samuel, Kelly Young.

Absent without notice: Linda Hazlett, Dan Walz.

Meeting minutes

The Dean called the meeting to order and called for approval of minutes from the September 18, 2024 meeting. Hearing no corrections or additions, the minutes stand as written.

November visit to the Grad Council by Provost Clabo and VPR Abasi

The Provost and VPR have been given 30 minutes at the Nov. 20th Grad Council to discuss their vision for graduate education and to take questions. The Dean asked members to discuss questions either at today's GC meeting or on a Qualtrics poll, which will be sent to GC members. Questions on Qualtrics will be due by Nov. 10th. Among the questions the Grad Council brought up during the meeting are:

1. Is there any progress on getting tuition payments off grants? (Provost and VPR)
2. Indirect cost recovery (VPR)
3. Support for graduate admissions and staff support (Provost)
4. Recommendations on Rumble report, funding for GRAs and GTAs outside of the Graduate School, and GPS and funding awards (Provost)
5. Support for undergraduates into graduate programs (VPR)
6. Replacement for the Competitive GRA awards (Provost)
7. Provost's Committee on PhD Education: path forward on funding recommendations (Provost)
8. Application fees for domestic and international students (Provost)
9. Funding for master's students (Provost)

Vendor using AI to look at distribution of funding in the Graduate School for master's and PhD student

The Dean asked the Council to think about the general issue of using AI for admissions and funding issues as a vendor has come forth promoting this type of service. A Grad Council member said privacy issues and giving up confidential data is a concern. Another mentioned in-house capability (possibly students) for this kind of service where you may be more aware of bias. A third Council member asked if the end result would actually help departments/programs make better decisions. Academic Analytics was next discussed, and it was noted that the new uses of data from the National Student Clearinghouse could be useful in terms of admissions and trends in admissions. The Dean noted that several different tools are coming online soon and it begs the question on who should have access to the data.

PhD Credit Hour Reductions

The reduction proposal will be on the agenda for the Oct. 23rd BoG meeting. A question came up about people supporting the measure by showing up for the Oct. 23rd BoG meeting. The Dean said she would discuss that with the Provost.

Leave and Appeal Policies

The Executive Committee has been discussing the need to examine both issues and the Dean will ask the Provost to set up committee(s) to explore these policies. For appeals, there have been different protocols followed. Greater clarity is needed on this procedure. The leave policy may require funding. A Grad Council member noted there is a conflict in the language in the APPM and Board Statute as it relates to appeals. Another question is does the appeal process for master's students end at the departmental level, but go all the way to the Graduate School for PhD students?

Report of the Academic Senate Liaisons

A vacancy still exists on the Curriculum and Instruction Committee. Gilou Agbaglah will serve on the FSST Committee, and he was thanked by the Dean for his service.

Faculty Affairs

Stella Resko reported that the policy for emeritus status has been discussed. This came up five years ago to ensure that policies were clearly stated and the university adopt a more quasi-automatic emeritus, that is, if the peer group of the retiring person supported the designation, it would not go through a promotion and tenure-like process of peer group to Dean, Provost and President, but move directly from the peer group to Provost with a proviso that only significant and confidential information in a personnel file would prevent emeritus status. It was noted that there have been episodes of discrimination against individuals. Another Council member noted that the policy needs to recognize the research and teaching tracks that we now have. Another question is what kind of resources do those with emeritus status have once they achieve this designation.

Research Committee

Bob Reynolds reported that the committee has discussed the distribution of funding to faculty at its recent meeting. The VPR did not attend as planned so this topic will come up when he does attend. Another topic is Google AI which launches in January. This will allow access to all of Google's AI resources in the cloud. He said the Research Committee was impressed with the resources it will provide for instructional use and for use in grant preparation. Google AI will be free and students can earn a certificate if they demonstrate mastery in using Google AI.

Student Affairs

Steve Chrisomalis said there is a review of the remote operations policy, which came out a few years ago in the event of a snow day (and other instances) where the university switches to

remote operations. The second focus is discussions around the undergraduate Warrior Way Back and Phoenix programs.

Academic Senate

Linda Beale reported the Senate has been working on two policies for the past two years. The first concerns a foreign influence reporting requirement that mainly impacts funded research. The second is the Campus Police Advisory Committee. This committee will provide oversight with two elected faculty members and two staff members. Ideally, the committee will also have one undergrad and one graduate student. The Policy Committee is pushing for more transparency and more public reporting. The topic then shifted to research funding and the revelation that one researcher was receiving millions of dollars through a MOU reached under a previous VPR and Provost. VPR Obasi has been invited to the Oct. 28th Policy Committee to discuss these matters as well as the Nov. 6th plenary session of the Academic Senate.

There are currently two searches for vice presidents. The first is for a senior VP of Health Affairs. They are planning campus interviews in the next few weeks. The second search is for a VP of Enterprise, Performance and Operation Excellence. Beale also mentioned the five-year review of the Graduate School will soon be underway. The contract with Aramark is coming up soon for renewal and they are putting together an RFP. Beale asked the Council to provide feedback on Aramark and they will be passed along to the Senate rep to the Dining Advisory Committee.

Student Senate

Chris Roberts said the UGSA and GEOC are planning a meeting with the Student Senate later this week and he will report back on the session next month.

The Dean noted the flyers on campus inviting the GRAs to join the GTAs in the GEOC.

Beale mentioned discussed software tools for faculty governance committees. The question is what should be put in Canvas, what should be treated as something funded centrally vs. what is particular to one faculty member, one grant or a small user group. The Academic Senate is appointing people to that committee, which will be about four administrators and 2-3 faculty. It was noted that the committee has two parts: the learning management system and learning technology integration.

The issue of pay disparity for GTAs was brought up. Those in the physical and life sciences have larger salaries than those in the social sciences and humanities. The Dean said the disparity is huge adding that values of equity do not inform these funding mechanisms. Another Grad Council member asked about the number of GTAs for each department and the need to revisit this issue.

The Dean called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Wood
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