

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
Graduate Council Report to the Faculty Senate
February 2015

The Wright State University Graduate Council met on February 19, 2015. Its standing committees met prior to that date.

I. REPORT OF THE DEAN

Dr. Fyffe reported that the college deans have been individually notified of their 2015-2016 Graduate Tuition Scholarship (GTS) allocations. Each college has an opportunity to receive additional GTS dollars; proposals demonstrating strategic use of the funds can be submitted to the Graduate School for consideration.

The Wright Patt-Wright State Scholarship program is continuing; all colleges have benefited from this scholarship. The Graduate School has additional scholarship opportunities. Please visit the website for more information.

Dr. Fyffe also reported that the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is offering a number of grants and incentives:

- Applications for Research Initiation and Professional Development Grants are due by Feb. 27.
- The Incentive for Grant Proposal Submission program is in a campus-wide trial phase. Discipline-specific “gold standard” funding agencies have been identified. Faculty who submit competitive proposals for major grant opportunities with these agencies will receive a research incentive.
- The Incentive for Faculty Teaming with Wright State Research Institute (WSRI) is also in a trial phase. The purpose of this program is to encourage WSU faculty to team with WSRI in pursuit of significant funding opportunities.

Upcoming Events:

- The Graduate Program Directors Workshop is Friday, March 13, 12:00-2:30 p.m., in E156 SU.
- The Graduate Student Excellence Awards Program is Wed. April 22, 4:00-5:30 p.m., in the Apollo Rm.
- The Celebration of Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities is Friday, April 10, 8:30-4:00, in the Apollo Room. This is a campus-wide event with a primary focus on undergraduate researchers.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The deadline for the first round of nominations for Graduate Council Scholars is Friday, Feb. 20. The Committee will meet the week of Feb. 23 to review the nominations and to select four recipients.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee reported on the graduate faculty members approved.

POLICIES COMMITTEE

The Policies Committee recommended, and the Graduate Council approved, the following two policy revisions (underlined):

(1) Graduate Policies & Procedures Manual Policy 6.120: Procedures for Petitioning for a Waiver of Graduate School Policies

Policy 6.120: Before forwarding the petitions to the appropriate academic programs for a recommendation from chairs/ directors, the Graduate School will make a record of the petitions and review them for clarity. Petitions written illegibly, grammatically incorrect, or unclear will be returned to the petitioners for correction and/or clarification. After reviewing the petitions and making their recommendations, the program chairs/advisors will forward the petitions to their College/School Petitions Committee (or equivalent) or Program Admissions Committees to review the petitions and decide on their recommendations. The petitions are then forwarded back to the Graduate School for the Dean's review. The college or school to which the petition was sent must return the petition, with its recommendation(s), to the Graduate School within 20 business days of its being sent. Petitions that remain unreturned or unanswered for longer than this time frame may be considered by the Graduate School to be automatically denied. Upon concurrence of the Dean of the Graduate School with the college/school recommendations, and the notification of the student and the college/school by the Dean, the decision will become final. Unresolved differences between the students, the college/school, and/or the Dean of the Graduate School shall be referred to the Graduate Council Student Affairs Committee. The Registrar will be advised by the Graduate School of any actions taken as the result of an approved academic petition. The Registrar will post such actions on the student's academic record.

(2) Graduate Policies & Procedures Manual Policy 6.35: Probation and Dismissal

*Policy 6.35: Students admitted in regular status who have attempted twelve quarter hours or nine semester hours of graduate credit will automatically be placed in probationary status the term their cumulative graduate grade point average drops below a 3.0. A student * in probationary status may remain enrolled only as long as all of the following conditions are met:*

a) The student's current semester GPA is 3.0 or higher;

b) The total number of hours the student has earned that would count toward the student's degree program is less than or equal to the total number of hours required for completion of the program plus an additional nine hours;

c) The student undergoes formal advising before registering.

If any of the above conditions is not met, then the student will be immediately dismissed. Students so dismissed cannot petition the decision and can reapply for admission only after having been un-enrolled for at least one semester.

** **Deleted:** will continue in probationary status until the end of the term in which the next twelve quarter hours or nine semester hours of graduate course work is completed. At the end of that period, the following actions will be taken: ...*

The Policies Committee recommended, and the Graduate Council approved, the following new policy:

Graduate Policies & Procedures Manual Policy 4.90: Non-Contact Course Credit

Non-Contact Course Credit is defined as credit hours earned for activities such as laboratory work, studio work, internships, practica, experiential learning activities, independent studies, independent readings, theses, dissertations, and other academic work. Any WSU graduate student engaged in non-contact academic work will receive credit for that work only if it is performed under the supervision of and with approval from a WSU faculty member, with a formal written agreement noting the nature of the academic work and filed with the appropriate program or department. Students engaged in non-contact academic work should typically spend no less than 37.5 hours per semester on that work for each credit hour earned.

The Policies Committee presented as information only the recommendation to Faculty Senate regarding international academic programs.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE A

The Curriculum Committee A recommended, and the Graduate Council approved, the following new courses, course modifications, program of study modification, and quarter to semester conversion:

New Course Requests: CS 5170, IHE 7340, and PTX 6010

Course Modifications: BME 5530, BME 6410, BMS 7530, CEG 6110, CMH 7410, NUR 7401 TO NUR 7421, NUR 7402 TO NUR 7422, NUR 7403 TO NUR 7423, NUR 7723, NUR 7901, NUR 8102, and NUR 8202

Program of Study Modification: M.S. Aerospace Medicine

Quarter to Semester Conversion: ME 699 to ME 6980

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE B

The Curriculum Committee B recommended, and the Graduate Council approved, the following new courses, course modifications, new and modified programs of study, and online delivery request:

New Course Requests: DOS 9080, ED 6675, ED 6710, ED 6775, ED 7850, ED 8500, SOC 6091

Course Modifications: ED 6610, ED 7650, LDR 7450, LDR 7600, MIS 7100, MKT 7800, and MKT 7900

New Programs of Study:

- MA History concentration: Public History
- MA History concentration: U.S. History
- MA History concentration: War and Society & Public History

Modified Programs of Study:

- ED Reading Education endorsement
- ED TESOL endorsement
- ED AYA license Earth Sciences and Chemistry
- ED AYA license Earth Sciences and Physics
- ED AYA license Earth Sciences

- ED AYA license Integrated Language Arts
- ED AYA license Integrated Mathematics
- ED AYA license Integrated Science
- ED AYA license Integrated Social Studies
- ED AYA license Life Sciences and Chemistry
- ED AYA license Life Sciences and Earth Sciences
- ED AYA license Life Sciences and Physics
- ED AYA license Life Sciences
- ED AYA license Physical Science Chemistry
- ED AYA license Physical Science Physics and Chemistry
- ED AYA license Physical Science Physics
- ED AYA license World Languages French
- ED AYA license World Languages German
- ED AYA license World Languages Latin
- ED AYA license World Languages Spanish
- ED AYA MEd Earth Sciences and Chemistry
- ED AYA MEd Earth Sciences and Physics
- ED AYA MEd Earth Sciences
- ED AYA MEd Integrated Language Arts
- ED AYA MEd Integrated Mathematics
- ED AYA MEd Integrated Science
- ED AYA MEd Integrated Social Studies
- ED AYA MEd Life Sciences and Chemistry
- ED AYA MEd Life Sciences and Earth Sciences
- ED AYA MEd Life Sciences and Physics
- ED AYA MEd Life Sciences
- ED AYA MEd Physical Science Chemistry
- ED AYA MEd Physical Science Physics
- ED AYA MEd Physical Science Physics and Chemistry
- ED AYA MEd World Languages French
- ED AYA MEd World Languages German
- ED AYA MEd World Languages Latin
- EDT MEd Education Technology new concentration Instructional Design for Digital Learning (IDDL)
- URS Certificate Title Change from American Humanics to Nonprofit Administration

Online Delivery Request: M.Ed. Education Technology concentration Instructional Design for Digital Learning (IDDL)

III. GRADUATE STUDENT ASSEMBLY (GSA)

The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) is in the process of collecting applications for the second round of Original Work and Professional Development grants. The deadline is March 23, 2015.