

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY  
**Graduate Council Report to the Faculty Senate**  
April 2014

The Wright State University Graduate Council met on April 17, 2014. Its standing committees met prior to that date.

**I. REPORT OF THE DEAN**

Graduate Tuition Scholarship (GTS) Allocations 2014-2015: Notification of additional GTS funding will be sent soon to those colleges who have submitted recruitment plans.

Graduate School recruitment effort: Drs. Fyffe and Ayres recently met with the leadership at WPAFB to propose Wright State tuition scholarships for active military and government civilians (and their spouses and dependents). These scholarships will help WPAFB employees pursue both STEM and non-STEM graduate degree programs at WSU in order to strengthen their skills and competencies and their vocational interests. The proposal was well-received; we are awaiting the legal green light to proceed.

Tuition waivers for GRAs in grants without full F&A: Tuition waivers are a real cost share. Real cost shares should not be greater than the sponsor's direct costs; at minimum, the costs should be break-even.

Graduate Student Excellence Awards: The Ceremony took place on April 16 and was very well attended. The students seemed to appreciate the recognition and the show of support from their faculty mentors.

**II. REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE DEAN**

2014-2015 University Budget: Draft budget was presented to the Board of Trustees. A 2.2% increase in graduate tuition was recommended; tuition support will be increased by the same.

Graduate Council Elections: To date, election results from the College of Education & Human Services and the College of Liberal Arts have been received. Ideally, all results should be submitted to the Graduate School by the end of spring semester.

Graduate Assistantships: There have been some administrative changes to the processing of graduate assistantships in response to the Affordable Care Act. The major changes include (1) students will not be able to have both an assistantship and a campus position, and (2) supplemental contracts will no longer be accepted. Programs can still submit a superseding contract to an existing assistantship (for example, GTA tasks added to a GRA position).

### **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

The Graduate Student Affairs Committee met on March 26 to make the final recommendations for the Graduate Council Scholars and Wright Fellows Awards. The distribution of awards was as follows:

Graduate Council Scholars (25 applicants reviewed; 1 offer turned down):

- 1- Monica DeWeese – Student Affairs in Higher Education, CEHS
- 2- David Peterman – Earth and Environmental Sciences, COSM
- 3 - Matthew Muhlenkamp – Social & Applied Economics, RSCOB
- 4 – Kenton Beachy, Public Administration, CoLA
- 5 – Danielle Witt, Applied Mathematics, COSM
- 6 – Lauren Shewhart, Biological Sciences, COSM
- 7 – Alyxis Camden, Integrated Math Education, CEHS
- 8 – Lwamwe Muzima, International and Comparative Politics, CoLA

Wright Fellows (13 applicants reviewed; 2 offers turned down):

- 1 – Laura Carpenter, Renewable & Clean Energy Engineering, CECS
- 2 – Tinuade Daboiku, Materials Science & Engineering, CECS
- 3 – Luis Marin, English, CoLA
- 4 – Emily Sandt, Physics MST, COSM

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Membership Committee reported on the graduate faculty members approved.

#### **POLICIES COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE A**

The Curriculum Committee A recommended, and the Graduate Council approved, the following new course requests, course modifications, certificates, combined degree programs, and full proposal:

**New course requests:** BME/IHE 6310, BME/EGR 6610, CEG 6750, and EE 7460.

**Course modifications:** BME 6010, BMS 7780, EE 7550 and IHE 7820.

**Certificates:** Big & Smart Data Sciences and Cyber Security Analytics.

**Combined degree program proposals:** B.S. Computer Engineering / M.S. Cyber Security and B.S. Computer Science / M.S. Cyber Security.

**Joint 1+1 program proposals between WSU and Manipal University in India:** M.S. Computer Engineering, M.S. Computer Science, and M.S. Cyber Security.

**Full proposal:** Interdisciplinary Applied Science and Mathematics PhD Program.

## **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE B**

The Curriculum Committee B recommended, and the Graduate Council approved, the following new course requests, course modifications, new programs of study, quarter to semester conversion, and combined degree proposal:

**New courses:** FR 6940, LA 6000, and SOC 6640.

**Course modifications:** ED 6070, ED 6090, ED 6170, ED 6180, ED 6330, ED 6340, ED 6350, ED 6360, ED 6420, ED 6490, EDS 6670, FR 5990, GER 6030, and REL 5320.

**New programs of study (concentrations):** M.Ed. in Multi-Age World Languages (Latin) and License in Multi-Age World Languages (Latin).

**Quarter to semester conversion:** MGT 6800

**Combined degree program:** B.A./M.A. English: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

## **IV. RESEARCH**

Ms. E. Reinsch-Friese, Associate VP for Research, provided the Graduate Council with a report on the research activities on the WSU campus.

## **V. DISCUSSION**

The Graduate Council meetings have been scheduled for the 2014-2015 academic year. All meetings will begin at 2:00 p.m. The schedule is listed below and is also posted on the Graduate School website. Submission deadline dates for agenda items are new for the 2014-2015 year.

| MEETING DATE   | LOCATION | SUBMISSION DEADLINE |
|----------------|----------|---------------------|
| Sept. 11, 2014 | E157 SU  | Sept. 2, 2014       |
| Oct. 30, 2014  | E156 SU  | Oct. 16, 2014       |
| Nov. 20, 2014  | E156 SU  | Nov. 6, 2014        |
| Feb. 19, 2015  | E156 SU  | Feb. 5, 2015        |
| March 26, 2015 | E156 SU  | March 12, 2015      |
| April 23, 2015 | E156 SU  | April 9, 2015       |