

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
Graduate Council Report to the Faculty Senate
February 2016

The Wright State University Graduate Council met on February 18, 2016. Several of its standing committees met prior to that date.

I. REPORT OF THE DEAN

Graduate Tuition Scholarship (GTS) allocations for 2016-2017 will be distributed to the deans soon. The overall scholarship fund level is lower this year so allocations will likewise be lower. Colleges and programs should consider partial scholarships as a means to extend the reach of these limited resources.

Dr. Fyffe reported that Research Council is considering a revision to the policy regarding grants with discounted F&A rates. If approved, then the graduate student fee waiver policy will be revised accordingly.

Dr. Fyffe has corresponded with the administrators of the Carnegie Classification rankings to determine if some of the information used for the ranking may have been inaccurate or incomplete.

Dr. Fyffe invited Dr. Henry Limouze, interim Associate Vice President for International Affairs, to talk about his plans for UCIE. Dr. Limouze explained that he will be helping to reorganize UCIE and to strengthen UCIE's relationship with the rest of the university. He will focus on improving five areas: processes, communications and transparency, collaborations, organization within the office, and planning.

II. REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

Dr. Ayres congratulated the College of Engineering and Computer Science on the approval of the free-standing PhD in Electrical Engineering program by the Chancellor's Council of Graduate Studies (CCGS).

Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Update: The "go live" date is April 5, 2016 for the new CRM system that will manage all recruitment, admission, and communication activities with prospective and newly admitted undergraduate and graduate students. The new system will replace the current graduate admission application and workflow system; it does not replace BANNER. Training and testing opportunities will be announced soon.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines:

Feb. 22 (round 1) and March 21 (round 2) – Deadlines for Graduate Council Scholar nominations

March 21 – Deadline for Wright Fellow nominations

March 23 – Deadline for Graduate Excellence Award recipient information

Friday, April 1 – Graduate Program Directors Workshop, 12:00-2:00 p.m., E156 SU

Wednesday, April 13 – Graduate Student Excellence Awards Program, 4:00 p.m., Apollo Room

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Student Affairs Committee met to select the 2016 College Outstanding Alumni Award recipient for the Graduate School: Nan Whaley, a 2009 graduate of the Master of Public Administration program in the College of Liberal Arts.

The Student Affairs Committee will be meeting soon to review the first round of nominations for the Graduate Council Scholar fellowships.

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 new policy:

Policy 4.100:

All university policies regarding standard credit hours and standard instructional hours maintained by the Academic Affairs office shall apply to graduate as well as undergraduate courses. Those policies can be found at <http://www.wright.edu/academic-affairs/policies/standard-credit-instructional-hour-base>.

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

Policy 7.35:

Students admitted in regular status who have attempted nine semester hours of graduate credit will automatically be placed in probationary status the term their cumulative graduate grade point average (GPA) 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;*
- d) The student is following any applicable remediation plan.*

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.~~ Any petition to reverse a dismissal decision under this policy will be considered (by the Student Affairs Committee) only if a) it is accompanied by a viable remediation plan, on the approved form and endorsed by the director of the student's program, and b) the completed petition (including the remediation plan) is received in the office of The Graduate School no later than seven ~~calendar~~ business days after the dismissal decision is communicated in writing. Students who are dismissed can reapply for admission only after having been un-enrolled for at least one semester.

A student will be removed from probationary status when that student's cumulative GPA rises to at least 3.0.

Both policy recommendations were submitted to Provost Sudkamp for his review.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE A

The Curriculum Committee A recommended, and the Graduate Council approved, the following new courses, course modifications, program of study modifications, and new certificate program:

New Course Requests: NUR 7731, NUR 7733, NUR 7734, NUR 7735, and PTX 8050

Course Modifications: ANT 8990, BME 6701, BME 6702, CMH 7920, HLT 7001, NUR 6903, NUR 7103, NUR 7611, NUR 7612, NUR 7613, and P&N 8990

Program of Study Modifications:

1. Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP): Indirect Care (*title modification to DNP: Leadership*)
2. M.S. Nursing: Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

New Certificate Program: Public Health Leadership

The new certificate in Public Health Leadership was submitted to Provost Sudkamp for his review.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE B

The Curriculum Committee B recommended, and the Graduate Council approved, the following new courses, course modifications, program of study modifications, and new program proposal:

New Course Requests: ED 8800, EDL 8760, and SW 6130

Course Modifications: ED 6340, ED 6410, ED 7170, ED 7600, KNH 7140, KNH 7530, KNH 7840, PLS 7790, and URS 6950

Program of Study Modifications:

1. Applied Behavioral Science M.A.: Criminal Justice & Social Problems
2. Counseling M.S.: Business & Org Mgmt (*title change to Counseling: Org. Counseling*)
3. Counseling M.S.: Clinical Mental Health Counseling
4. English M.A.: Composition & Rhetoric (*title change to English: Rhetoric & Writing*)
5. Leadership Development M.S.
6. MRC: Chemical Dependency
7. MRC: Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling
8. Principalship License
9. Principalship M.Ed.
10. Reading Endorsement
11. Reading M.Ed. (*title change to Literacy M.Ed.*)
12. School Counseling M.Ed.

New Program Proposal: M.S. Organizational Studies

The Full Proposal for the M.S. Organizational Studies program was submitted to the Faculty Senate for the next step in the approval process.

IV. GRADUATE STUDENT ASSEMBLY (GSA)

The second round of Professional Development and Original Work grants is now open. The deadline for students to apply for one or both grants is March 20.

GSA has worked with the Office of Student Legal Services to include legal support for students during the university breaks.

GSA has approved an amendment to the organization’s constitution that allows all Deans’ Student Advisory Board graduate student members membership in GSA.

GSA will be holding elections for the 2016-2017 leadership positions in March.

V. NEW BUSINESS

The Graduate Student Assembly requested the Graduate Council consider Resolution 16-01, and the Graduate Council accepted the recommendation made in Resolution 16-01.

Resolution 16-01: A Resolution to recommend Graduate Council of Wright State University to include students as non-voting members in one sub-committee under the Council – the Policies Committee.

This recommendation was submitted to the Faculty Senate for consideration.

Graduate Council Attendance 02/18/2016:

Voting Members:

- BSoM: Andrew Froehle, Miryoung Lee, John McAlearney, and Michael Markey (alternate, non-voting)
- CEHS: Michele Fleming, Sharon Heilmann, Mindy McNutt
- CECS: John Gallagher, James Menart, Michael Raymer
- CoLA: Laura Luehrmann, Barry Milligan
- CoNH: Marie Bashaw, Brenda Young
- CoSM: Scott Baird, Greg Kozlowski, Mill Miller, and Scott Watamaniuk (alternate, non-voting)
- RSCoB: Kevin Duffy, Anand Jeyaraj, Zdravka Todorova
- SoPP: Gokce Durmusoglu

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members:

- K.T. Arasu. Bill Ayres (chair), Lakshmi (Nathan) Balasubramanian, Herb Dregalla, Robert Fyffe, Erika Gilles (scribe), Mark Mamrack, Sheila Shellabarger, and Deborah Ulrich.

Other Attendees: Marian Brainerd, Henry Limouze, Amanda Steele-Johnson

Proposed Revisions to Graduate Policy 7.35

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WHEREAS, Wright State University Graduate Council makes policy recommendation for Graduate School that affects Graduate and Professional Students; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University Graduate Council currently has six sub committees; and

WHEREAS, the existing sub committees are 1) Policies Committee 2) Membership Committee 3) Agenda Committee 4) Student Affairs Committee 5) Curriculum Committee A 6) Curriculum Committee B; and

WHEREAS, one of these sub committees, 1) Policies Committee makes most decisions that will directly affect the Graduate and Professional Students; and

WHEREAS, the existing Policies committee structure does not have student representation in the committee; and

WHEREAS, Student representation can be really helpful for the Policies committee to make decisions and provide recommendations that are 360 degree reviewed; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Graduate Student Assembly here assembled at Wright State University makes the following recommendation for solution

SECTION 1,

1. At least two students be added as non-voting members to the Policies committee
2. These students shall be included in all discussions, email communications that are related to the Policies committee
3. These students shall be nominated by Graduate Student Assembly at the start of every year and or as needed.