

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

The Wright State University Graduate Council met on September 24, 2015. Its standing committees met prior to that date.

I. REPORT OF THE DEAN

Dr. Fyffe welcomed the new and returning members to Graduate Council. He also extended thanks to Barry Milligan, Policies Committee Chairman, for his comprehensive explanations of numerous policy changes at the recent Faculty Senate meeting. Dr. Fyffe also recognized the successful launch of the new doctoral program, Interdisciplinary Applied Science and Math, this fall.

II. REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

Work continues on the conversion of the current curriculum workflow to the new Curriculog system. The new system is more comprehensive and will communicate directly with the university catalog. Training for users of the new system will likely take place in the spring with a full launch of Curriculog next summer/fall.

The university is in the early stages of implementing a new integrated Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system. The admission application for both graduates and undergraduates will be substantially upgraded, as well as the recruitment and admission communication tools. The plan is to have the new CRM in place for the Spring 2017 graduate application period, which sets the phase-in goal as Spring 2016. Fall 2016 applications will be processed through the current admission system.

For the first time in seven years, the Graduate School offered on-campus orientation sessions for incoming Fall 2015 graduate students. When last held in 2008, 82 students attended. With this summer's multiple session format (offered at midday or in the evening), we welcomed 329 students to graduate school. This number represents about 25% of the incoming new graduate student population. The program includes both an overview of life as a graduate student, and also an introduction to the world of compliance through a discussion about the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR). The Graduate School intends to offer orientation sessions at the beginning of every semester, and will continue to work closely with the graduate programs and their program-level orientations. The Graduate School also will continue to liaise with the Orientation Office (undergraduates) in designing and organizing these events.

Upcoming events:

- (1) **Graduate Open House** – Thursday, November 12, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Apollo Room.
 - (2) **Graduate Program Directors Workshop** – Friday, November 13, 12:00-2:00 p.m., E156 SU.
 - (3) **Graduate Program Development Session** – Tuesday, November 17, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., E157 SU.
- This is a new program series developed in response to the last Program Directors Workshop at which the idea of sharing best practices was suggested. More details to come.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Several of the 2015-2016 Graduate Council Scholars and Wright Fellows attended the meeting. They were introduced to the Council members and were congratulated on their achievements.

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 courses, course modifications, programs of study for new certificates, and modified programs of study:

New Course Requests: BIO 6410, BIO 6490, BIO 7120, IHE 7430, and P&N 7100

Course Modifications: EE 7550 and NUR 6903

Programs of Study (new certificates): Global Health (in Community Health Dept.) and Teaching Earth and Environmental Sciences (in Earth and Environmental Sciences Dept.)

Modified Programs of Study:

MS Nursing: Adult Gero Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

MS Nursing: Adult Gero Clinical Nurse Specialist

MS Electrical Engineering

MS Nursing: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care

MS Nursing: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care

Post-masters Certificate: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Acute Care

Post-masters Certificate: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE B

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

New Course Requests: SAA 6670, SAA 6680, and SOC 6081

Course Modifications: ED 6250, ED 6530, ED 6540, ED 6550, ED 6560, ED 6570, ED 7070, EDS 6420, EDS 6510, EDS 6530, EDS 6550, EDS 6570, EDS 6590, EDS 6650, EDS 6690, EDS 6990, and ENG 6940
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Modified Programs of Study:

M.A. Student Affairs in Higher Ed Admin

M.Ed. Educational Technology

M.S. Teacher Leader: Curriculum & Instruction

IV. GRADUATE STUDENT ASSEMBLY (GSA)

The Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) is now one of seven “coordinating organizations” on campus, and will soon have a domain at Wright State. The GSA launched a new logo at its welcome event on Sept. 2.

The GSA is modifying its constitutional by-laws to work more closely with the dean’s student advisory boards (DSAB) across campus and also to allow all current graduate students to automatically be members of the GSA. The organization also has plans to offer faculty honorary memberships.

The GSA is in discussion with the Student Government to give more authority to the Graduate Senator. Specifically, the Graduate Senator would have a chance to review new policy to make sure that graduate students are included and not negatively impacted. The GSA is also lobbying to have a graduate student trustee named to the Board of Trustees.

The GSA will be opening the application period for the Professional Development and Original Work grants soon. The application deadline will be in the third week of October. New this year, study abroad opportunities will be considered for the professional development grants.