

Graduate Council Minutes
April 30, 2013
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
Main Campus, Student Union Room 2582

Present: Brian Ashburner, Barbaranne Benjamin, James Benjamin, David Black, Amanda Bryant
2012-2013 Friedrich, Timothy Fisher, Max Funk, Charlene Gilbert, David Giovannucci, Kay Grothaus, Mohamed Hefzy, Paul Hong, Wayne Hoss, Ruth Hottell, David Jex, Patricia Komuniecki, Anand Kunnathur, Holly Monsos, Timothy Mueser, Surya Nauli, Douglas Nims, Lori Pakulski, Nick Piazza, Susan Pocotte, Randall Ruch, Dorothea Sawicki, Constance Schall, Barbara Schneider, Rebecca Schneider, Snejana Slantcheva-Durst, Cynthia Smas, William Taylor, Gerard Thompson, Joshua Waldman, Kandace Williams.

Excused: Mary Ellen Edwards, Renee Heberle, Junghwan Kim, Sara Lundquist, Joseph Margiotta, Monica McKnight, Frank Pizza, Patricia Relue, Susan Sochacki, Mark Templin, James Trempe, James Willey.

Guests: Jill Brown (GSA) and Stephen Prunier (GSA)

Present: Peter Andreana, Joseph Dake, Michael Dowd, Ali Fatemi, Rodney Gabel, Hans Gottgens,
2013-2014 Phillip Gribble, Susanna Hapgood, Jon Kirchhoff, Aaron Shaw (GSA), Diana Shkvydka, Pamela Stover, Viranga Tillekeratne, Jerry Van Hoy.

Excused: Mary Ellen Edwards, Brian Fink, April Gardner, Margaret Hopkins, Ron Opp

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order and the roll called. The Minutes of the April 2, 2013 and April 16, 2013 meetings were approved.

Executive Reports

Report of the Executive Committee of the Graduate Council

Dr. Nick Piazza, Graduate Council (GC) Chair, reported that the University Council (UC) met on Friday, April 19th. At that meeting, Provost Scarborough pointed out that some colleges are using chairs or deans as their representatives on UC. The idea was for college council representatives to be faculty members. Provost Scarborough went on to say that a body may elect a standing proxy to create continuity, to allow for longer terms than the named representative's term, and to allow deans and chairs to be heads of college councils while allowing faculty to sit on UC. Discussion of the Open letter to President Jacobs, Provost Scarborough, and Chancellor Gold dated March 12, 2013 was deferred to the May UC meeting. Dr. Frank Calzonetti, Vice President of Government Relations, presented on his office's activities relative to state and federal funding and legislation. Mr. David Dabney, Chief Financial Officer, talked about the concerns regarding fall tuition increases for graduate programs. The Board of Trustees passed a resolution not to raise undergraduate tuition and fees for fall 2013. The initial budget assumption was that graduate tuition would have a 3.5 % aggregate increase, although the actual increase could vary by program, i.e., some high demand programs may have higher increases than other programs. Dave Dabney's office is working with The Blade to ensure that salary information is accurate and that The Blade's salary search engine is incorrect. He reported that faculty incomes are grossly overstated—sometimes by as much as 20%.

The following motion was brought before the University Council:

RESOLUTION:

The University Council supports women's rights to quality health care. Toward this end, University Council recommends that the UT Board of Trustees and UT Medical Center enter into any transfer agreement with any legally operated outpatient surgical service consistent with the laws of the State of Ohio and the missions of the University and the hospital.

The resolution passed with a vote of 10 for, 1 against, and 6 abstentions.

Graduate Faculty Constitution

The vote for changes to the Graduate Faculty Constitution is still open and, so far, voter turnout has been low. Consequently, the voting deadline has been extended to Friday, May 3, at 5:00 p.m. Please remember to vote and please encourage other members of the Graduate Faculty to vote as well. Thank you to those who have already cast their vote.

Final Thoughts

Upon final preparations to pass the gavel to David Giovannucci, Council Chair-Elect, Dr. Piazza shared with the Graduate Council that chairing and serving the Graduate Faculty for the past year has been a privilege—in spite of all of the challenges that arose during the academic year. What has most certainly made this a privilege and helped Dr. Piazza meet the challenges of the office have been the many people who have been there alongside him. He thanked the Graduate Council Executive Committee, including last year's chair, Mike Dowd; Chair-Elect, David Giovannucci; Patricia Relue; Rebecca Schneider; Josh Waldman; and Kandace Williams. He also acknowledged the hard work of the committee chairs whose job it was to dig out from under an ever growing mountain of paperwork—Dr. Samir Hefzy, Chair of the Membership Committee, John Plenefisch, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, and Mark Templin, Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Dr. Piazza extended his thanks to all of the members of those committees for the time devoted to accomplishing the work of the Council. Dr. Piazza expressed his gratitude to Vice Provost and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, Dr. Patricia Komuniecki, for the close collaboration maintained as they worked together to promote graduate and professional education at The University of Toledo. Along with Dr. Komuniecki, Dr. Piazza thanked Dr. James Trempe, Vice President for Research, for his assistance and insights.. Finally, Dr. Piazza stated his appreciation to Ms. Terri Hayes of the College of Graduate Studies for her constant support and behind-the-scenes work. He presented Ms. Hayes with a gift and thanked her for making the difficult look easy. In summary, Dr. Piazza likened faculty leadership to a game of baseball. When called upon, you take your turn at bat. Dr. Piazza has been honored to do his best, work his hardest, and take a turn leading the Graduate Council this past year. He looks forward to continuing to serve the Graduate Faculty as a member of the Council and the executive committee next year.

Report of the Graduate Student Association (GSA)

Mr. Joshua Waldman, GSA President, reported that the 4th Annual Midwest Graduate Research Symposium (MGRS) was a huge success. With more than 20 universities present, representing more than five states throughout the Midwest, participants attended symposium development panels and the keynote address delivered by an accomplished UT alumnus, Dr. Alan Shaw, CEO of Codexis, Inc. Students were also provided with insight into how they could use their graduate training to have positive impact on their careers and our culture.

Chair Piazza requested the agenda be suspended to allow for the following resolution. Council seconded and approved unanimously. Chair Piazza and Dean Komuniecki presented a certificate to Mr. Joshua Waldman.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, Mr. Joshua Waldman has provided outstanding leadership and service to the Graduate Student Association as President during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Therefore, be it resolved that the University of Toledo Graduate Council extends its deepest gratitude to Mr. Joshua Waldman for his dedication to the Graduate Student Association.

Mr. Waldman stated that it has been a great honor to serve as President of the Graduate Student Association and to work with the Graduate Council. Many things have been accomplished throughout the past year such as increasing the GSA budget by 4089%, helping to establish UT's graduate programs on the national stage, and expanding the current programs so that they will have a broader impact on the graduate student at this university. The torch will now be passed to the next group of graduate student leaders. Leading this group as President will be Mr. Aaron Shaw who is in the process of finishing his Master's in Exercise Physiology and will begin the Physician's Assistant Program in the fall. Mr. Shaw has been committed to the success of the GSA throughout the past two years and his vision and leadership skills will allow the GSA to accomplish great things throughout the coming year. Mr. Shaw expressed that although he feels he has big shoes to fill, he is honored to lead the GSA and is looking forward to working with the Graduate Council, College of Graduate Studies, and Dean Komuniecki. In summary, Mr. Shaw stated that the great thing about this opportunity is not so much where GSA stands, but in what direction they will move as a team. He is confident that the GSA team of leaders will continue to work to make UT a great place for graduate students.

Mr. Waldman was pleased to announce the names of the new officers, a team of good leaders, and introduce those that were able to join the Council today.

President, Mr. Aaron Shaw	present
Vice President, Ms. Joelynn Laux	
Treasurer, Mr. Stephen Prunier	present
Secretary HSC, Ms. Jill Brown	present
Secretary MC, Mr. Josef Vrtiska	

Mr. Aaron Shaw said that he was honored to serve as president and looks forward to working with GC. He first learned of the GSA when as a new graduate student he received a flyer from GSA during orientation. He attended the first assembly meeting where he met then GSA President, Mr. Mike Bechill, and Vice President, Mr. Joshua Waldman. He was inspired by their professionalism and passion and knew he wanted to pursue leadership position in this organization. Mr. Shaw stated that he is looking forward to developing relationships with the GC and Dean Komuniecki and the COGS staff.

Report of the Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies

Dean Komuniecki provided the following updates:

- *Admissions Updates*

Dean Komuniecki is pleased to report that the COGS applications for fall 2014 remain strong. As of April 29th, COGS has processed more than 3,000 applications and admitted 580 students. The decision pages are flooding into COGS and we are on a 24-hour turnaround.

Program admissions committees should complete their acceptance decisions as soon as possible. This week, Institutional Research has reported that for fall 2013 overall graduate headcount is flat compared with this time last year but the FTE is up 1.79%. This bodes well since the undergraduate numbers continue to remain negative at this time (>4% down in headcount and FTE).

- *Fellowships, Scholarships and Awards-Update*

The award recipients for the Buell, Whiteford and Fields will be recognized at today's Graduate Council meeting. The two new University Fellows—April Brockman in Biological Sciences, and Ahmad Javaid in Computer Science and Engineering—have accepted their University Fellowships. To date, two McNair Scholars have accepted our offer: Patrice Wiley from BGSU in the MSW program and Na'Tasha Evans from Cleveland State in the Ph.D. in Higher Education program. COGS is awaiting final responses from five GOAP students, one has already accepted a GOAP offer. A complete report on COGS' diversity efforts will be reported at a fall Graduate Council meeting.

- *Announcements*

Commencement: Sunday, May 4, 2013

Dean Komuniecki hopes to see many of the Graduate Faculty at Sunday's commencement ceremonies and extends her thanks again to the volunteer marshals and readers. The morning ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m. and includes the Colleges of Business and Innovation, Languages, Literature and Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Ms. Sandra Pianalto, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, will receive an honorary degree and be the commencement speaker. The afternoon ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m. and includes the Judith Herb College of Education and the College of Health Science and Human Service. Dr. Jeffrey Wadsworth, President and CEO of Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio, the world's largest non-profit independent research and development organization, will receive an honorary degree and be the commencement speaker.

- *Appreciation to Graduate Council Members*

Dean Komuniecki extended her thanks to all Graduate Faculty who have served on Graduate Council. She made a special note of thanks to Drs. Max Funk, James Benjamin, and Wayne Hoss for their years of service to the University. She wished them happy retirements. She also welcomed the new council members and stated that she is looking forward to working with them on the Graduate Council.

Information and Discussion Items

Recognition of Graduate Student Scholarship and Award Recipients

Dean Komuniecki recognized the following scholarship recipients and presented their awards:

- ***Robert N. Whiteford Memorial Scholarship***

Presented to a graduate student to assist in research for the thesis, project or dissertation and further the student's professional development. This year the committee selected a doctoral student from the 23 applicants.

This year's recipient is **Ms. Ateka Akbar Contractor** who will receive a check for \$400.

Ms. Contractor is a third-year doctoral student in Clinical Psychology with Dr. Jon Elhai in the Department of Psychology in the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences. She entered the UT doctoral program in fall 2010 after completing an M.A. in Clinical Psychology from Mumbai University in 2005 and a second M.A. in Clinical Psychology from Eastern Illinois University in 2007. Prior to coming to UT, she worked for three years as a therapist and counselor in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Her research focuses on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) with a particular focus on the link with depression. She has studied several patient populations including Ohio National Guard soldiers and trauma victims from India. She also has conducted clinical research at the VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor. Ms. Contractor already has six publications, including those in *Psychiatry Research* and the *Journal of Affective Disorders*. She will use the Whiteford funds to assist with her future studies planned at a mental health clinic in Valparaiso. In addition to her outstanding clinical work and research output, she has also served as teaching assistant in the Department of Psychology.

- ***Helen M. Fields Memorial Achievement Award***

Presented to a graduate student with an excellent academic record in the field of English or Education. This year's recipient is **Ms. Hasmik Chakaryan** who will receive a check for \$1,000.

Ms. Chakaryan is a third-year doctoral student in the Department of School Psychology, Legal Specialties and Counselor Education in the College of Social Justice and Human Service, and is advised by Dr. Nick Piazza. Originally from Armenia, she earned her M.A. in Translation at the University of Management and Information Technologies in 2002 before coming to the United States in 2005. She then earned her M.A. in Counseling from Cincinnati Christian University in 2009 before coming to UT in 2010. Ms. Chakaryan earned her Professional Counselor Licensure in 2009 and is an active social justice and human rights advocate. In the past, she has embarked on a variety of psychosocial projects for people with disabilities, especially those living in extreme poverty. She seeks to raise public awareness of mental and emotional health and related societal issues. Two years ago, she spent her spring break in Mexico training the staff of eight orphanages in basic counseling skills. She has made five presentations in the past three years on aspects of cross cultural training for paraprofessional in Mexico as well as mental health in Egypt, Armenia and the Ukraine.

- ***Robert R. Buell Memorial Achievement Award***

Presented to a graduate student in any college who best exemplifies scholarly excellence in the physical and biological sciences, has maintained a genuine interest in the social sciences and humanities, and plans a career in education.

This year's recipient is **Ms. Nneka Mbah** who will receive a check for \$1,000.

Ms. Mbah is a second-year doctoral student in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences conducting her doctoral research with Dr. Bill Maltese in the Department of Biochemistry and Cancer Biology. She earned her First Class Honours B.S. in Biochemistry from Covenant University (Nigeria) in 2010 and began her doctoral studies at UT in August 2011. Her doctoral research with Dr. Maltese focuses on gaining a better understanding of the molecular basis for the mechanism by which a new class of drugs kills glioblastomas (cancerous brain cells) by the non-conventional mechanism "methuosis." Her early work has been productive and a manuscript is in preparation for publication this year. She is also an active member of the Council of Biomedical Graduate Students and, prior to coming to UT, Ms. Mbah taught biochemistry lecture and lab classes at the University of Jos. Her long range plans center on returning to Nigeria, and Covenant University, to bring her knowledge of biomedical research to her home country.

Recognition of Graduate Student Association (GSA) Graduate Research Award Recipients

Mr. Joshua Waldman reported that this is the first year for the GSA Research Awards. Applicants were asked to fill out an application and submit a project proposal, budget and letter of support from his/her academic advisor.

Forty-three proposals were received and ten awards were made to 11 individuals. About \$16,000 was awarded to assist the graduate students with research. Mr. Waldman was pleased to announce and present certificates to the recipients of the 2013 Graduate Student Association Research Award:

- Nick Kruse – Time Course Changes on the Dynamics of Muscle Oxygenation with Acute Static Stretching
- Trent Cayot – The Acute Effects of Vascular Occlusion during Sub-Maximal Endurance Exercise
- Christine Baksovich – Elementary School Parents Perceptions Regarding School Sexuality Education Topics
- Michelle Roley – QOLaFI: Validation of a General Measure of Domain-Specific Quality of Life and Functioning with Spanish-Speaking Community Mental Health Clients
- Aditya Togi – Understanding the Cosmic Riddle of Star Formation Process in Vulture Head Nebula B-207
- Ryan Corser – Understanding How Age and Perceived Control Moderate the Relationship between Resource Depletion and Risk Taking
- Erin Vogel – The Influence of Norms and Self-Regulatory Depletion on Eating Behavior
- Priyodarshan Goswamee – The Role of Calcium Signaling in Cancer Cell Metastasis
- Chandrasekhar Garapati – Preclinical Evaluation of Erythrosine Nanoparticles for the Treatment of Chronic Sinusitis Using Photodynamic Therapy (PDT)
- Ashley Hall and Monica Rohrbaugh – Elementary School Personnel’s Knowledge Base, Training Procedures, and Reporting Behavior Regarding Child Maltreatment

Standing Committee Reports

Report of the Curriculum Committee

On behalf of Graduate Council Curriculum Committee (GCCC), Chair Dr. John Plenefisch, reported that the GCCC reviewed and approved the following curriculum. Council approved unanimously.

Program Revisions

College	Department	Program	Summary of change
EH	School Psychology, Higher Education and Counselor Education	Master's Program in Higher Education, Track 1	Adding a track to program, Change in Track subtitle: (adding Track 1, on-campus, Traditional Track), change in mix of required and elective choices in the curriculum to streamline and better align the program with CAS Higher Education guidelines.
MD	School Psychology, Higher Education and Counselor Education	Master's Program in Higher Education, Track 2	Adding a track to program, Change in Track subtitle:(adding Track 2, Professional, off-campus cohort), change in credits from 36 to 33, change in mix of required and elective choices in the curriculum to streamline and better align the program with CAS Higher Education guidelines. Admission to this track is restricted to professionals working in higher education

New Course Proposals

College	Department	Course Name	Course Number	Change in course
MD	Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Project in Public Health	PUBH 6970	Change variable credit hours from 0-4 to 1-4.
MD	Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Independent Study in Public Health	PUBH 6890	Course title change from Independent Study in Environmental Health.
MD	Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Internship in Public Health	PUBH 6960	Change variable credit hours from 0-3 to 1-3.
MD	Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Seminar in Public Health	PUBH 6980	Change variable credit hours from 0-3 to 1-3
MD	Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Thesis Research	PUBH 6990	Change variable credit hours from 0-8 to 1-4

Course Modifications

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MD	Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Project in Public Health	PUBH 6970	Change variable credit hours from 0-4 to 1-4
MD	Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Independent Study in Public Health	PUBH 6890	Course title change from Independent Study in Environmental Health
MD	Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Internship in Public Health	PUBH 6960	Change variable credit hours from 0-3 to 1-3
MD	Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Seminar in Public Health	PUBH 6980	Change variable credit hours from 0-3 to 1-3
MD	Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Thesis Research	PUBH 6990	Change variable credit hours from 0-8 to 1-4

Chair Piazza, on behalf of Graduate Council, thanked Dr. Plenefisch for his service leading the Curriculum Committee this past year.

Report of the Membership Committee

On behalf of the Membership Committee, Chair Dr. Samir Hefzy, reported to the Graduate Council that the committee reviewed and approved 42 Graduate Faculty Membership Applications. Report provided below.

GRADUATE FACULTY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS - SPRING 2013 - List 2 - (April 2013)							
College	Full	Associate I	Associate II	Adjunct	Special Status	Returned	Total
Business and Innovation	3				1		4
Engineering					1		1
Judith Herb College of Education		1			1		2
Languages, Literature and Social Sciences	5		1		1		7
Medicine and Life Sciences	5	2			1		8
Natural Sciences and Mathematics	10			1	4		15
Nursing	1				1		2
Communication and the Arts							
Social Justice & Human Service							
Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences	2				1		3
Total	26	3	1	1	11	0	42

Report of the Bylaws Committee

None.

Old Business

Dean Komuniecki recognized Dr. Piazza's dedication and hard work as chair of Graduate Council this past year, and on a personal note, thanked him for his collegial leadership style and his outstanding mentorship of graduate students. The following resolution was read, seconded, and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, Dr. Nick Piazza has provided dedicated and excellent leadership to Graduate Council as Chair during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Therefore, be it resolved that the University of Toledo Graduate Council extends its deepest gratitude to Dr. Nick Piazza for his efforts and guidance as Graduate Council Chair.

Dean Komuniecki, on behalf of the Graduate Council, presented Dr. Piazza with a personalized souvenir gavel and thanked him for his service.

Incoming Graduate Council Chair, Dr. David Giovannucci, recognized and expressed his gratitude to Dr. Nick Piazza for his dedication and hard work, and personally thanked him for his friendship.

New Business

None.

Adjournment of the 2012-2013 Graduate Council

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 1:30 p.m. and the gavel was passed to Dr. David Giovannucci.

Call to Order and Roll Call of the 2013-2014 Graduate Council

Executive Reports

None.

Information and Discussion Items

Election of Officers for Graduate Council 2013-2014

Chair Giovannucci initiated the election of officers informing Council that the Chair has a seat on the University Council and that the Chair Elect automatically becomes the Chair the following year.

Election of officers was conducted by secret, paper ballot with the following results:

Chair Elect Ron Opp
At Large #1/Health Science Campus Cynthia Smas
At Large #2/Main Campus..... Ruth Hottell
At Large #3/Main Campus..... Rebecca Schneider

Standing Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Dean Komuniecki reminded Council that the GCEC meets during the summer and asked if there were any issues of consideration. No issues provided.

Adjournment of the 2013-2014 Graduate Council

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 2:00 p.m.