

**Graduate Council  
October 19, 2009  
226 University Hall  
Meeting Minutes**

**Graduate Council Members Present:**

Ginny Bumgardner, Teresa Early, Robert Perry, Ruth Peterson, James Phelan, John Sheridan, Liza Toher (representing Ana Azevedo), Ingrid Werner, Caroline Whitacre, Danelle Wilbraham (representing Brian Gay), Karla Zadnik

**Graduate School Staff Present:** Cyndi Freeman, Patrick Osmer, Ann Salimbene, Elliot Slotnick, Tim Watson, Karen Mayer (recorder)

**A. Approval of Minutes**

- The minutes from the September 28, 2009, Graduate Council meeting were approved as submitted.

**B. Announcements – Dean Pat Osmer**

1. Dean Osmer announced that he is working with University Senate to identify a replacement for Jim Bartholomew on the Council.
2. Dean Osmer reminded Council members that the Graduate School Quarterly Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 27, from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Blackwell Ballrooms B & C. Items to be discussed include the review and streamlining of Graduate School policies; the development of new master's programs; and ways to improve communication of Graduate School information to programs and students.

**C. Old Business**

**1. Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) Fellowship**

Cyndi Freeman, director for Graduate Student Recruitment and Diversity Initiatives in the Graduate School, provided further details on the proposal to offer up to 10 Graduate Fellowships to students who have successfully completed the Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) at Ohio State. SROP is a CIC-sponsored program that provides largely underrepresented undergraduates with an intensive, faculty-mentored summer research experience with the goal of preparing students for entry into doctoral programs. The SROP Graduate School Fellowship Program is designed as a partnership between the Graduate School and the admitting graduate program. The Graduate School will provide a first-year fellowship and a dissertation year fellowship. Graduate programs must commit to a multi-year funding package during the intervening years of the Graduate School fellowship support in order for the SROP student to receive consideration.

Council members discussed issues regarding the identification of eligible students; the duration and area of responsibility for support to the students once they are admitted; and the timing of the offers.

- **The Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal.**

## 2. Semester Conversion

A list of issues concerning the conversion to semesters that will affect graduate education was distributed and a discussion followed. The Semester Steering Committee is currently focused on undergraduate issues, and the consensus was that the Council should begin to identify and make recommendations on graduate issues.

Every academic program will be working on revising their course structures and will take the proposals to OAA for approval. The Graduate School will participate in setting overall standards and goals and continue its oversight on GA issues. Of particular concern are issues relating to the May Semester and how stipends and GA enrollment will be managed. The Graduate School will establish a small working group to focus on issues relating to GAs and what Graduate School policies will need to be revised.

## 3. Continuous Enrollment

Assistant Dean Ann Salimbene and Tim Watson, director of Graduation Services, summarized the Continuous Enrollment Policy proposal. Ann noted that all CIC schools have continuous enrollment policies in place. Dean Osmer requested feedback from the Council and those comments were noted.

- **The Graduate School will present the proposal in final form for the next council meeting.**

## D. Other

1. Caroline Whitacre announced that the Research Expo will be held on November 3, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Thompson Library. This year it has been expanded to an all-day event and will be open to students as well as faculty. It is an opportunity to meet leadership from the Office of Research, representatives from Centers and Institutes across campus, vendors that provide research support, and network with colleagues.

She reported that the Office of Research has received \$75 million from stimulus money and have been successful in increasing the numbers of several types of grants.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.**