
GRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL

Minutes of 26 May 2022

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Graduate Studies Council was called to order at 3 p.m. on 26 May 2022 virtually via Webex by William Rantz, Ex Officio.

Members Present: Julie Apker, Christine Byrd-Jacobs, Carrie Cumming, Jennifer Fiore, Muralidhar Ghantasala, James Palmitessa, Dianna Sachs, Nicolas Witschi

Members Absent: Dawn Anderson, Rob Lyerla, Marcellis Zondag

Advisory Members Present: Edwin Martini

Ex Officio Present: William Rantz

Quorum

A quorum was present.

Agenda

[MOTION] It was moved by Witschi, seconded by Sachs, to accept the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Elections were postponed to the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes

One correction was made to note Witschi was not present at the 21 April 2022 meeting.

[MOTION] It was moved by Rantz, seconded by Sachs, to approve the 21 April 2022 minutes as amended. The motion carried.

Reports of Officers

None.

Reports of University Representatives

Dean Byrd-Jacobs provided the Graduate College report. She stated that there are 26 students receiving \$2,000 welcome scholarships. Eight students participated in the college-sponsored dissertation writing retreat for underrepresented students. Plans are underway for graduate assistant training.

Dean Martini provided the Merze Tate College report. He noted that there are 674 undergraduate students enrolled in the college.

Reports of Council/Committee Standing Committees

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Ex Officio Rantz introduced Memorandum of Action-21/04: *Revision of Accelerated Graduate Degree Program*. MOA-21/04 was approved by the Undergraduate Studies Council and is recommended to come before the Graduate Studies Council.

[MOTION] It was moved by Cumming, seconded by Byrd-Jacobs, to approve MOA-21/04 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

[MOTION] It was moved by Ghantasala, seconded by Fiore, to adjourn the meeting at 4 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The next Graduate Studies Council meeting will be determined over the summer.

Approval

Submitted by William Rantz, Ex Officio.

Minutes approved on 22 September 2022.