

Graduate Student Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Connable Board Room, The Bernhard Center
11-11-05

Representatives Present: Todd Ide (chair), Kelly Daniels (vice chair), Toni Strutz (Social Work), Jan Miller (Social Work), Lokendra Pal (Paper and Printing Sci and Eng), Joanne Lau (Philosophy), Alexandra Teachout (Geography), Christopher Jones (Geoscience), Adam Milewski, Scott Marley (Physics), Justin Smith (Sociology), Felicia Rawls (Blind Rehab), Doris Dirks (past GSAC chair), Kasuhiro Iwamoto (Biological Sciences), Todd Thomas (Math and Stats), Keith Russo (English), Jenny Powell (Chemistry), Chris Lawrence (History), Jason Nuzzo (Performing Arts Administration), Brad Salisbury (Mech and Aero Engineering)

1. Call to order: 3:32
2. Introductions, "Happy Birthday Joanne!"
3. Approval of Minutes: moved by Brad, seconded by Jan
4. Report from the Dr. Ronald Davis and Dr. Kevin Vichcales
Not in attendance.
5. Report from the Chair
 - a. Dean search committee: 15 applicants. Will narrow down to fly in interviews.
 - b. Diversity Chair position: Hired both candidates. Director and Vice Director. Now called Minority Recruitment Office
6. GSAC Sub-Committees and University Councils
 - a. Web Committee – Kelly Daniels: website work just begun. Contractor had to wait for money. New updates: Todd's letter about 6 to 9 credits; list serve information.
 - b. Public Relations – Toni agrees to serve
 - c. Graduate Research Symposium and Journal – VACANT
 - d. University Councils**
 - i. Research Policies Council (2) – Adam Milewski and Scott Marley volunteer
 - ii. Graduate Studies Council (2) – Toni Strutz & Todd Ide: Nothing to report
 - iii. Campus Planning and Finance Council (1)—Brad Salisbury: Argument about green space, concerning chemistry building, views from office
 - iv. Assessment—Kelly Daniels: HLC focused visit a success. No grad students attended, but that is okay.
 - v. International Education Council (1)—Kinfu Adisu: 6 to 9
 - e. GFAC – Kelly Daniels
 - i. Proposals: MSW, recommends \$500 operational funds, approved by Alexandria, seconded by Lokendra, carries.
 - ii. SRA, recommends \$496.60 operational expenses, approved by Scott, seconded by Kashiro, carries.
 - iii. AGES, recommends \$2000 for reader, approved by Keith, seconded by Chris, carries.
 - iv. FTM North, recommends \$2000 for conference, approved by Kelly, seconded by Chris, carries
 - v. ASA, recommends \$1700 for cultural event. Approved by Toni, seconded by Scott, carries
 - vi. DSK, recommends \$616 for car rental event. Approved by Brad, seconded by Jason, carries

- f. MLK Committee – Doris Dirks: Event is growing, including public schools, annexed by the Provost. Frank Lew, Dean of Wayne State is keynote speaker, dancing, music, lunch, march, children’s fair, a big extravaganza.
 - g. CAB representative – VACANT
 - h. WSA representative – VACANT
- 7. Old and Continuing Business
 - a. Committee Vacancies – Future Faculty/STEM Areas, Public Relations, Assessment/RPC
 - b. Social Event: Jason Nuzzo; Friday, December 9th, Jason.a.nuzzo@wmich.edu, Chihuly event, music, food/drinks, guest list, we may fund the event for \$4555; approved by Toni, seconded by Scott, carried
 - c. Service Project: Todd Ide; collect money to support a family for the holidays. Watch for an email, pass the word.
 - d. Professional Development Day pushed back to January 27. We have commitments from almost everyone. Variety of sessions involving the academic job market. Mock interviews to follow.
- 8. New Business
 - a. Kalamazoo Public Tuition Plan and WMU: Four years of tuition paid for Kalamazoo Public School graduates. Benefits for WMU and for graduate students. Perhaps new assistantships for grad students.
 - b. WMU/K College to fund lighting near Jimmy Johns and Dairy Queen: Kelly Daniels; recommend lighting new walkway area near campus because it is dangerous for walkers. Public
- 9. General Announcements & Briefs
 - 1 Unionization – Keith Russo: Sunday, 3pm, Bernhard Cafeteria, WMU TAU will meet to oversee membership drive. Talk to Keith about issue.
 - 2 Announcements for the Good of the Order: Doris; Peace Center Director offering workshop “From Roots to Action,” room 211 Bernhard, how to organize, free, lunch offered, email amolia@kazoopeacecenter.org, Friday, November 18th.
 - 3 Next GFAC meeting(s) –December 2
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- 10. Celebrating the research journal, food.
- 11. Adjourn, 5:15.