

**Graduate Student Advisory Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
Connable Board Room, The Bernhard Center  
10-14-05

**Representatives Present:** Todd Ide (chair), Kelly Daniels (vice chair), Toni Strutz (Social Work), Kelly Davidson (Student Affairs) Lokendra Pal (Paper and Printing Sci and Eng), Joanne Lau (Philosophy), Alexandra Teachout (Geography), Christopher Jones (Geoscience), Philip Jonas (Economics), Scott Marley (Physics), Justin Smith (Sociology), Kinfu Adisu (Teaching, Learning and Leadership), Rama Gottipati (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Felicia Rawls (Blind Rehab), Joel Hawkins (Speech and Pathology and Audiology), Doris Dirks (past GSAC chair), Scott Erbe (Office of Faith and Spiritual Development), Olubusola Soyode (Operations Research) Kasuhiro Iwamoto (Biological Sciences), Todd Thomas (Math and Stats), Thomas Chianca (Evaluation Center),

**Guest:** Kevin Vichcales (Graduate College), Winston E'Souza (Accounting), Jason Nuzzo (Performing Arts Administration)

1. Call to order: 3:32
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes: approved by Rama, seconded by Toni
4. Report from the Dr. Ronald Davis and Dr. Kevin Vichcales
  - a. 94 Doctoral degrees awarded, the most ever. Congrats!
  - b. 190 participants in GA training. Up from last year.
  - c. Fall enrollment has declined. Master's down. Doc and specialists up. 9.6% decline.
  - d. 3.5% stipend increase. 700 Provost appointments have been increased.
  - e. Health insurance prices rose, and participants decreased.
  - f.
  - g. Research counsels committee needs grad student.
  - h. Grad student "self-serve" application under way.
5. Report from the Chair
  - a. Update on Strategic Planning Meeting: met Oct. 1. Thanks to participants. It was a success.
  - b. Meeting with the President: cordial, not substantial.
  - c. Dean search committee. Has been posted in Higher Ed Chronicle. Waiting for Vitas, etc.
  - d. Director of Minority Recruitment. Two candidates. Deeply into the application process.
6. GSAC Sub-Committees and University Councils
  - a. Web Committee – Kelly Daniels: website under construction. Will look great.
  - b. Public Relations – VACANT
  - c. Graduate Research Symposium and Journal – Toni Strutz: the journal is here!Opening reception following GSAC meeting. A large accomplishment.
  - d. University Councils**
    - i. Research Policies Council (2) – Kurt Hayden & VACANT: 3 items: 1. Human subjects review board are making a form letter. 2. RPC have been given charges, advise for legal etc policy. 3. Kurt stepping down from RPC and GSAC. Opening.
    - ii. Graduate Studies Council (2) – Toni Strutz & Todd Ide: met with vice Provost, argument about 6 to 9 credits. Faculty Senate wants to address/direct changes, town hall meetings, etc. Contentious. A large discussion about the 6 to 9 issue ensued.

iii. Campus Planning and Finance Council (1) – Brad Salisbury: Campus construction - progress is being made in the physical work to both the new chem building and arts building. Plans are being developed for the renovation of Brown Hall. Not enough money was raised by the private sector to complete the proposed Brown Hall addition. A master plan is being developed for the residence halls to renovate/demolish/rebuild/build new. Proposals are being sought for this and a trial renovation of Eldridge/Fox which is currently unoccupied. The focus is on undergrad housing. There was no mention of graduate housing in either the master plan proposal (what I saw of it) or the upcoming renovations. This is something I feel GSAC needs to address now while the master plan is still being developed.

Campus markers/signage - there is a committee/group that has been formed to develop policies regarding and review proposals for markers and signage (building identification, features, directions, etc.) on campus.

iii. Assessment - Kelly Daniels: Provost visited. Argument about assessment tools for the program review.

iv. International Education Council (1) – Kinfu Adisu: Bailey is committed to international students, she says. Not necessarily grad students though.

e. GFAC – Kelly Daniels

i. Proposals: ISA Culture Show, recommend to fund \$1,255, moved by Todd, seconded Toni. SGSA operational expenses, \$500, moved by Todd, seconded Toni.

f. MLK Committee – Doris Dirks: Provost getting involved. Must organize a community event 12-3. A difficult chore, open to community, a recruitment scheme.

g. CAB representative –

h. WSA representative –

7. Old and Continuing Business

a. Committee Vacancies – Future Faculty/STEM Areas, Public Relations, Assessment/RPC

b. GSAC Meeting Time Reminder: 3 GFAC, 4 GSAC

8. New Business

a. Graduate Student Research Symposium: looking for help.

b. GFAC Policies – Kelly Daniels: requiring financial manager workshop before meeting with GFAC. Considering altering the food clause in funding policy.

c. Social Event – Jason Nuzzo: a downtown event, tag to art hop, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec., catered party for Chihuli show, full use of museum. Discussion of details.

d. Service Project – Toni Strutz and Jan Miller: something in the works.

e. Professional Development Day, November 18 – Todd Ide and Kelly Daniels: under development.

9. General Announcements & Briefs

1 Unionization – Keith Russo and Jason Olson: not in attendance.

2 Announcements for the Good of the Order

3 Next GFAC meeting(s) – November 11, December 2

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10. Celebrating the research journal, food.

11. Adjourn