

**Graduate Student Advisory Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
Connable Board Room, The Bernhard Center  
09-09-05

**Representatives Present:** Todd Ide (chair), Kelly Daniels (vice chair), Toni Strutz (Social Work), Kelly Davidson (Student Affairs), Brad Salisbury (Mech. & Aero. Eng), Lokendra Pal (Paper and Printing Sci and Eng), Joanne Lau (Philosophy), Alexandra Teachout (Geography), Keith Russo (English), Jason Olsen (English)

**Guests:** Dr. Kevin Vichcales (Graduate College/GSAC Advisor)

1. Call to order: 3:01
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes: approved by Toni, seconded by Brad.
4. Report from Dr. Ronald Davis and Dr. Kevin Vichcales
  - a. GA training. 200 new GAs.
  - b. Appointment rates released. Enrollment verification moving forward. GA funding should arrive soon.
  - c. Time to enroll for insurance.
  - d. Diversity and recruitment. 60 students attended.
  - e. GRE GMAT training. Dates still under discussion.
  - f. Dissertation writing workshop. Social sciences research workshop, mathematics training program. All info on Grad College website
5. Report from the Chair
  - a. Updates on Picnic (went well), CommUniverCity (gave out tickets), Grad and Nontraditional Student Services Fair (worth continuing to host it? Only six depts. expressed interest last year. Contact Jen Miller—new public relations chair—if interested in participating)
  - b. Strategic Planning Sept 24 (Saturday): Todd's house, 11 AM
6. GSAC Sub-Committees and University Councils
  - a. Web Committee – Kelly Daniels: currently taking bids on website redesign
  - b. Public Relations – Jan Miller: Jan couldn't attend. Let Todd or Jan know if interested in serving
  - c. Graduate Research Symposium and Journal – Toni Strutz: cover art chosen. Submissions collected. Published, online, Oct 14. Openings to serve on this committee. A symposium is planned next semester.
  - d. University Councils**
    - i. Research Policies Council (2) – Kurt Hayden & Christina Stuve: Inactive
    - ii. Graduate Studies Council (2) – Toni Strutz & Todd Ide: Inactive
    - iii. Campus Planning and Finance Council (1) – Mike Eden: Not in attendance
    - iv. International Education Council (1) – Kinfu Adisu: Inactive
  - e. GFAC – Kelly Daniels
    - i. Proposals: no proposals
  - f. MLK Committee – Doris Dirks: not in attendance.
  - g. CAB representative – Position open
  - h. WSA representative – Position open
7. Old and Continuing Business
  - a. Committee Vacancies – Future Faculty/STEM Areas: contact Todd. Research policies. International education.

- b. GRE Prep Workshop – Partial reimbursement for WMU Grad students; Kevin expresses gratitude to GSAC for funding.
  - c. GSAC Meeting Time: new time, 4-6 pm, GFAC 3-4. Starting in October.
- 8. New Business
  - a. Changes in funding policy. Moved to approve Keith, seconded Toni.
- 9. General Announcements & Briefs
  - a. Unionization – Keith Russo and Jason Olson: Met with David Hecker, president of AFT, MI. Currently collecting information about Grad Employee status. International students welcome. Researching viability. Hoping to work with GSAC. Next meeting Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. Working on a poll.
  - b. Announcements for the Good of the Order: Campus finance council, September 20. Buses don't run on weekends. Lovell line cut service to Vine neighborhood. Problems with meal plans. Update: dean search. Provost has met with two candidates: Sue Stapleton and Robert Uline. Both good candidates. Todd prefers Stapleton. Grad program review: work hasn't been done over the summer. Timeline off.
  - c. Next GFAC meeting(s) – October 14
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- 10. General Discussion “The State of Graduate Schools”/ Food
- 11. Adjourn: recessed at 3:58.