

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

GRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL
Minutes of Thursday, 22 March 2018, 3 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center

Members present: Michele Behr, Christine Byrd-Jacobs, Carla Chase, Michael Duffy, Clifton Ealy, Jennifer Fiore, Tim Michael, Amaury Pineda, Zahra Ameli Renani, Silvia Rossbach, Linda Shuster, and Brian Young

Members absent: Louann Bierlein Palmer, Alhassan Mumuni, David Reinhold (designee for provost)

Advisory member absent: Edwin Martini

Guest: Ramona Meraz Lewis, Department of Educational Leadership, Research and Technology

A. Procedural / Information Items

Council Vice Chair Tim Michael called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Welcome

Those present were welcomed.

Acceptance of the Agenda

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda, and the motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes of 22 February 2018

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of 22 February, and the motion passed with a vote of 11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain.

B. Presentation, Reports, and Subcommittee Work

1. *Presentation by Dr. Ramona Meraz Lewis – Potential Faculty Learning Community focused on Pedagogical Strategies in Graduate Education*

There was conversation regarding if there is a need for Faculty Learning Community for Graduate Education. Council members provided feedback and considerations for moving forward.

2. *Report of the Acting Graduate Dean – Christine Byrd-Jacobs*

Byrd-Jacobs provided updates regarding Graduate College events and funding opportunities.

3. *Report of the Graduate Student Association*

Renani provided updates on various activities of the GSA.

4. *Subcommittee Work – Graduate Teaching & Research Award Subcommittee Work*

A total of 13 Graduate Teaching Awards (9 Doctoral, 4 Masters) and 14 Graduate Research Awards (8 Doctoral, 6 Masters) were determined.

C. Other Business

Chase reported that the Faculty Senate Executive Board has asked for the word “policy” to be removed from everywhere in the graduate report, and for content to be divided into Memoranda of Action to be moved forward.

D. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Jennifer Fiore
Secretary