

Graduate Student Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Connable Board Room, The Bernhard Center
12-09-05

Representatives Present: Todd Ide (chair), Kelly Daniels (vice chair), Alexandra Teachout (Geography), Christopher Jones (Geoscience) Brad Salisbury (Mech and Aero Engineering), Kinfu Adisu

1. Call to order 4:10
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes: unanimous
4. Report from the Dr. Ronald Davis and Dr. Kevin Vichcales: not in attendance
5. Report from the Chair
 - a. Dean search Committee: met, four applicants remaining. Any significantly different from internal candidates?
 - b. Meeting with the President: She wasn't happy. Email campaign made her angry.
 - c. Response to GSAC's Letter to the Board of Trustees 4/27/05: raising tuition remission gradually. Faculty carrels are available for grad students. Year long parking stickers in fall. Re-examining health care to include preventative
 - d. Kalamazoo Public Tuition Plan and WMU: Bailey is interested in working with grad students to assist k-12 students
6. GSAC Sub-Committees and University Councils
 - a. Web Committee – Kelly Daniels: meeting later in the evening with the contractor
 - b. Public Relations – Toni Strutz
 - c. Graduate Research Symposium and Journal – X
 - d. University Councils**
 - i. Research Policies Council (2) – X & X
 - ii. Graduate Studies Council (2) – Toni Strutz & Todd Ide: no progress
 - iii. Campus Planning and Finance Council (1) – Brad Salisbury: working on a lighting scheme, worried that connecting tunnels will break up green space.
 - iv. Assessment - Kelly Daniels: the focused visit a great success
 - v. International Education Council (1) – Kinfu Adisu: a survey shows that international presence helps overall curriculum. Provost has put money into research.
 - e. GFAC – Kelly Daniels
 - i. Proposals: College Republicans, requesting 2000 for speaker fee. GFAC recommends funding 750 for security, because the speaker, Ann Coulter, not entirely appropriate for the graduate community. GFAC hopes it can fund more scholarly conservative speakers in the future. Moved by Chris, seconded by Brad. Motion carries. History Graduate Student Organization requests 1490 for two scholarly speakers and operating expenses. GFAC recommends funding in full. Moved by Kinfu, seconded by Chris. Motion carries.
 - f. MLK Committee – Doris Dirks: Dean of Wayne State U will be speaking
7. Old and Continuing Business
 - a. Committee Vacancies – Future Faculty/STEM Areas
 - b. Social Event – Jason Nuzzo: we have allowed 300 attendees; will cost more than originally estimated. Motion to approve 6345. Moved by Brad, seconded by Daniels. Motion carries.
 - c. Service Project – Todd Ide: Please donate!
 - d. Professional Development Day – January 27th: we are booking speakers and venues. Still need people to do mock interviews. Kinfu volunteers. Need faculty.
 - e. K-College - WMU to Fund Lighting – Kelly Daniels: submitted a letter requesting help from the Campus Planning and Finance Council. Unanimously moved.

8. New Business
 - a. Research Journal Deadline: January
9. General Announcements & Briefs
 - a. Unionization – Keith Russo and Jason Olson: not present
 - b. Announcements for the Good of the Order
 - c. Next GFAC meeting(s) – January 13
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10. General Discussion “The State of Graduate Schools” at Kalamazoo Institute of Art.
11. Adjourn: 4:58