

**Graduate Student Advisory Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
Connable Board Room, The Bernhard Center  
02-10-06

**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), Christopher Jones (Geoscience), Adam Milewski, Justin Smith (Sociology), Doris Dirks (past GSAC chair), Kasuhiro Iwamoto (Biological Sciences), Jenny Powell (Chemistry), Marcel Browsers (English), Nate Michon (Comparative Religion), Nuria Ibanez (Spanish), Kinfu Adisu (Teaching, Learning and Leadership)

[NOTE: the original minutes were lost in file transfers when creating new website. These minutes are reconstructed by memory and ancillary documents. They may not be entirely accurate.]

1. Call to order: 4:04
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes: various questions and minor revisions. Moved by Toni, seconded by Lokendra
4. Report from Dr. Vichcales: Not present
5. Report from the Chair
  - a. Dean search Committee: Pyenson recommended for the position
6. GSAC Sub-Committees and University Councils
  - a. Web Committee – Kelly Daniels: meeting with contractor next Monday to view rough draft. Web site should be running by next meeting
  - b. Public Relations – Toni Strutz: no news.
  - c. Graduate Research Symposium and Journal – Chris Jones: received various submissions, up from last year
  - d. University Councils**
    - i. Research Policies Council (2) – Chris Jones & Adam Milewski:
    - ii. Graduate Studies Council (2) – Toni Strutz & Todd Ide: no news
    - iii. Campus Planning and Finance Council (1) – Brad Salisbury:
    - iv. Assessment - Kelly Daniels: need to meet with chairs to discuss assessment reports; also to construct a simple, one page explanation of assessment
    - v. International Education Council (1) – Kinfu Adisu: Faculty Senate Forum underway. All invited to attend. New program in Kenya launched. New residency requirements for study abroad programs.
  - e. GFAC – Kelly Daniels
    - i. Proposals: International Festival: \$1956. MSWSO: \$655.
  - f. MLK Committee – Doris Dirks:
  - g. CAB representative –
  - h. WSA representative –
7. Old and Continuing Business
  - a. Committee Vacancies – Future Faculty/STEM Areas
  - b. Intramurals: Watch for dodge ball.
  - c. Report on Professional Development Day: a great success. Kudos to Todd
  - d. NAGPS Regional Conference—March 24-26: Todd will attend. Contact him if you want a ride, or about possible funding.

8. New Business
  - a. Chair Search Committee: search will begin. Todd will be invited to apply if he stays at WMU.
  - b. Service Project:
  - c. Creative Works Intellectual Property Rights Clarification: Only science based invention will be included in the changes.
9. General Announcements & Briefs
  - a. Unionization – Keith Russo and Jason Olson: TAU is formed with 378 initial members.
  - b. Announcements for the Good of the Order
  - c. Next GFAC meeting(s) – February 10<sup>th</sup>, March 10th
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10. General Discussion “The State of Graduate Schools”
11. Adjourn: 4:50.