



GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

April 25, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Dean Richard J. Smith called the meeting to order on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the Women's Building Formal Lounge. Approximately 65 people attended.

I. Consideration/approval of the Minutes

After Dean Smith noted an update to the previous minutes: (Student Health Insurance will be \$1300/year and the health fee will be \$300), the minutes were approved.

II. Consideration/approval of the preliminary list of candidates for advanced degrees

The Graduate Council reviewed and approved the preliminary list of candidates for advanced degrees for May, 2013.

III. Dean's Report

Dean Smith announced that on May 17th, the Graduate School will hold its Hooding and Recognition Ceremony for graduating students in all Arts & Sciences departments in the 560 Music Center Building. Reservation forms are required for participation in the ceremony. Ph.D. recipients in Business, Engineering, and Social Work are hooded in their Schools' ceremonies.

He announced that Beverly Tscoyianis, Ph.D. student in History, Sha-Lai Williams, Ph.D. student in Social Work, and Stephanie Rodriguez, Ph.D. student in the Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences (Immunology) were inducted into the Edward Bouchet Graduate Honor Society at Yale University on April 20, 2013.

The Bouchet Graduate Honor Society, established by Yale and Howard universities, is named for Dr. Edward A. Bouchet, the first African American to graduate from Yale College as well as the first to earn the Ph.D. in Physics, also from Yale (1876). Dr. Bouchet, the first known African American to be admitted to Phi Beta Kappa, was also only the sixth person to earn a doctorate in Physics in the western hemisphere. Bouchet Society members are expected to become "scholars who exemplify academic and personal excellence, foster environments of support and serve as examples of scholarship, leadership, character, service and advocacy for students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the academy."

Dean Smith reported that the annual Online Teaching Assistant Survey will open April 26 and close on May 22. An email has been sent directly to graduate students inviting them to complete the survey to evaluate their current teaching experiences. Department Chairs and Directors of Graduate Study received an email announcing the dates of this year's survey and a link to the executive summary report. The Committee has been collecting longitudinal data on the teaching experiences of graduate students that is used to improve TA training and teaching opportunities.

IV. Report of GSS Senate Co-Presidents

Graduate Student Senate Co-President Aysegul Turan, Ph.D. student in Comparative Literature, presented the GSS Annual Report 2012-2013. Signature events included the Graduate Research Symposium, which featured 51 presenters in four categories, and the Outstanding Faculty Mentor Awards Ceremony, at which eight outstanding mentor awards and six special recognition awards were presented. Over 100 students and faculty attended the Awards Ceremony on April 10, 2013. Also notable, the Graduate Student Health Advisory Committee was very active, and GSS sent a representative to attend the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students meeting in Washington D.C. to discuss graduate student issues with policymakers. Elected GSS Co-Presidents for 2013-14 are Jeff Pobst, Ph.D. student in Physics, and Shankar Parajuli, Ph.D. student in the Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences. Dean Smith thanked Aysegul Turan and Ganesh Babulal for their leadership and presented them with certificates of recognition and Washington University clocks. He also presented a certificate of recognition and Washington University pen to Chris Born, Ph.D. student in East Asian Languages and Cultures, in appreciation of his service as Recording Secretary.

V. Action to consider and approve proposal for a new Master of Arts in Film & Media Studies

Professor Gaylyn Studlar, Director of Film & Media Studies, presented a proposal to create a new A.M. degree program in Film & Media Studies. The Graduate Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal as presented.

VI. Action to consider and approve proposal for a new Joint Degree, Master of Science in Clinical Investigation and Doctor of Philosophy

Associate Professor David Warren, Division of Infectious Diseases and Director of Master of Science in Clinical Investigation, presented a proposal to establish a new Joint Degree, Master of Science in Clinical Investigation and Ph.D. The Graduate Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal as presented.

VII. Action to consider and approve new graduate courses

Ann Cooper, Graduate School Registrar, presented the list of new graduate courses for Fall 2013. The Graduate Council voted unanimously to approve the list as presented.

VIII. New Business

Four upcoming events were announced. The Graduate School-wide Orientation will be held on August 19, 2013. More information can be found at <http://graduateschool.wustl.edu> by clicking on "New Students". The First-time TA Orientation will be held on August 21, 2013. For more information visit <http://teachingcenter.wustl.edu>. Information about upcoming Teaching with Technology workshops for Ph.D. students can be found at <http://graduateworkshops.artsci.wustl.edu>. The first day of classes for Fall 2013 will be held on August 27, 2013.

IX. Presentation of Dean's Awards for Teaching Excellence

Dean Smith presented the annual Dean's Awards for Teaching Excellence awarded each spring to recognize outstanding teaching assistants. There were 15 awards presented, including a \$1,500 cash prize and a certificate of recognition for each TA recipient. TAs are recommended for the award by the departments/programs in which they teach, and award recipients are publicized in the Commencement booklet in the year of their graduation.

2012-2013 Recipients:

Siham Bouamer – Romance Languages & Literatures
Andrew Findley – Art History & Archaeology
Maya Ganapathy – Comparative Literature
Lisa Haegele – Germanic Languages & Literatures
Kazue Harada – East Asian Languages & Cultures
Margaret Anne Gray Hinkle – Earth & Planetary Sciences
Julia Langer – Psychology
Ashley Macrander – Education
Michael Nelson – Political Science
Lauren Olin – Philosophy
James Palmer – History
Lauren Robertson – English
Jillian Smith – Chemistry
John Willman – Anthropology
Xiaoxian Yin - Physics

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary to the Graduate Council 2012-2013