



## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

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

April 24, 2014 at 4 p.m.

Graduate Council Chair Richard J. Smith, Dean of The Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. in the Danforth University Center, Room 276. Approximately 64 graduate student and faculty members attended.

#### **I. Consideration/approval of the Minutes**

The Graduate Council reviewed and approved the minutes of its February 19, 2014 meeting as presented.

#### **II. Consideration/approval of the preliminary list of candidates for advanced degrees, May 2014**

The preliminary list was sent to members of the Graduate Council prior to the meeting. Dean Smith reminded the Council that deletions and additions must be sent in no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Council reviewed and unanimously approved the preliminary list as it was presented.

#### **III. Dean's Report**

Dean Smith announced that the Hooding and Recognition Ceremony for the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences will take place at 11:30 on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the 560 Music Center with a reception immediately following. A reservation form must be turned in for graduating students to participate in the ceremony. The deadline to turn in the form has been extended to **May 8<sup>th</sup>**.

On March 28<sup>th</sup> four students were inducted into the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society at Yale University. The honorees are Anita Chary, MD/Ph.D. student, Anthropology; Joshua Marshack, Ph.D. student, Anthropology; Juliette McClendon-Iacovino, Ph.D. student, Psychology; and Jessica Ray, Ph.D. student, Energy, Environmental, and Chemical Engineering.

Dean Smith also reported that the annual Online TA survey will open April 25 this year. An email was sent directly to TAs inviting them to participate in the survey and evaluate their teaching experience. Finally, the Dean reminded the Council that the presentation of the Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence was to take place immediately following the meeting.

#### **IV. Report of Graduate Student Senate Co-President**

GSS Co-President Jeff Pobst, a Ph.D. student in Physics, presented the report of the Graduate Student Senate (GSS). In honor of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the GSS a new logo was adopted that will appear on the Senate's website and at events.

Mr. Pobst reported on a few of the new events that the GSS has organized this year in addition to their keynote event, the Graduate Research Symposium. The Diversity and Inclusiveness Committee held open roundtable discussion/panels throughout the academic year in association with the Latino Graduate Student Alliance. The Professional Development Committee hosted speed networking events co-sponsored with GPC. Of note was Roads Less Traveled, also co-sponsored with GPC, which was a

networking reception and discussion about non-traditional career paths for graduate students held on April 8. The Legislative Concerns Committee will be holding a roundtable discussion about legislative issues pertinent to students in the U.S. on Wednesday, April 30. Lastly, Mr. Pobst informed the Council that 146 guests attended the April 9 Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award ceremony and reception.

Finally, Mr. Pobst informed the Council of the results of the new officer elections. The new co-presidents for the 2014-15 academic year will be BrieAnna Langlie from the Department of Anthropology and Ashley Macrander from the Department of Education. Dean Smith thanked Jeff Pobst and Shankar Parajuli for their leadership. He presented Mr. Pobst with a certificate of recognition and with both his and Mr. Parajuli's Washington University umbrellas.

#### **V. Action to consider and approve proposal for new Ph.D. in Public Health Sciences**

A proposal to create a new Ph.D. degree program in Public Health Sciences was distributed to the Council before the meeting. Professor Matt Kreuter, Associate Dean for Public Health, Brown School of Social work was in attendance to answer any questions about the proposal. The Graduate Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal as presented.

#### **VI. Action to consider and approve proposal for new Ph.D. in Classics**

A proposal to create a new Ph.D program in Classics was also distributed to the Council prior to the meeting. Professors Tim Moore (Chair) and Cathy Keane from the Classics Department were in attendance to answer any questions about the new proposal. In discussion it was estimated that the program would admit two to three new students per academic year. The Graduate Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal as presented.

#### **VII. Action to consider and approve new graduate courses**

Pat Howard, Graduate School Registrar, presented the list of new graduate courses for Fall 2014. The Graduate Council voted unanimously to approve the list as presented.

#### **VIII. Action to consider and approve proposal for new Policy on Dismissal and Probation for Academic Reasons**

Dean Smith reminded the Council members that two versions of the Policy on Dismissal and Probation for Academic Reasons were sent in an email prior to the meeting so everyone could see the modifications that had been made to the policy. Notable changes included two paragraphs being stricken from the document and a specification that the duration for probation should normally be three months.

The Secretary and Parliamentarian for the Faculty of Arts and Science, Professor Seth Graebner, and a member of the General Council Office, Deanna Wendler Modde were in attendance to address any specific concerns about the new policy. The Council decided that it would not be necessary to use secret ballots for this vote. The Graduate Council voted unanimously to approve the Policy on Dismissal and Probation for Academic Reasons as presented.

#### **IX. New Business**

Dean Smith announced four new events. The Graduate School-wide Orientation will take place on August 18, 2014. More information can be found at [http://graduateschool.wustl.edu/entering\\_students/orientation](http://graduateschool.wustl.edu/entering_students/orientation). New TA Orientation will take place on the Medical Campus August 13 and on the Danforth Campus August 20. The Teaching with Technology

Workshops for Ph.D. students are described on the Teaching Center's website: <http://teachingcenter.wustl.edu>. Monday, August 25, 2014 will be the first day of classes for Fall 2014.

Members of the Graduate Council expressed their appreciation for Dean Smith's leadership and concern for the needs of graduate students during his 6 years of service as Dean of the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences. Executive Committee Chair Deanna Barch presented Dean Smith with the traditional Washington University umbrella.

## **X. Adjournment**

Dean Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

## **XI. Presentation of Dean's Awards for Teaching Excellence**

Beginning at 5:00 pm, Dean Smith presented the annual Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence. The awards are presented each spring to recognize outstanding teaching assistants. There were 17 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.

2013-2014 Recipients:

Anthropology	Diana Fridberg
Art History & Archaeology	Jennifer Padgett
Arts & Sciences Writing I Program	Kenyon Gradert
Chemistry	Brian Wieliczka
Comparative Literature	Nicholas Tamarkin
Division of Biology & Biomedical Sciences	Katie Zelle
East Asian Language & Culture	Shuxin Hong
Education	Elizabeth Thorne-Wallington
English, Women Gender & Sexuality Studies	Claire Class
Germanic Languages & Literatures	Angineh Djavadghzaryans
History	Jenny Westrick
Mathematics	Benjamin Passer
Philosophy	Nate Adams
Physics	Dimitrios Manolidis
Political Science	Viktoryia Schnose
Psychology	Fade Eadeh
Romance Languages & Literatures	Stacy Davis

Respectfully Submitted,

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