

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 & Research Award reports, 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