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WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
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The Wright State University Graduate Council met on October 31, 2013. Its standing committees met prior to those dates.

I. REPORT OF THE INTERIM DEAN

Fall Graduate Open House – The Open House was held on Wednesday, Oct. 16. The attendance number was 250, which is down a little from last year. The number of applications received was 175, which is also down a little from last year, but this number may be lower in part to the newly imposed limit of one free application per attendee. The yield rate for applications received at the Open House is historically high.

Enrollment – In a presentation focused on domestic graduate student enrollment over the past five years, information was shared that showed relatively flat numbers for applications and admissions. Some slight increases and decreases were explained by shifts in the economy and the conversion from quarter to semesters. The number of enrolled students and corresponding yield rate showed a downward trend. This trend has prompted the Graduate School to conduct three marketing research surveys: one is surveying prospective students (people who have shown an interest in WSU or who may just be interested in graduate education); one is surveying students who were accepted but did not enroll to find out why (lost to competition or decided not to start graduate school); and one surveys new students to see why they chose WSU. The information gathered from these surveys will be used to redesign the Graduate School's overall marketing strategy.

Announcement – The Graduate Program Directors Workshop will take place Friday, Nov. 15, 12-2:30 p.m. in E156 SU. The main topic will be enrollment management.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICIES COMMITTEE

No report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee reported on the graduate faculty members approved.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE A

The Curriculum Committee A recommended, and the Graduate Council approved, the following new concentration, new courses, and program of study modifications:

- **New Concentration in MS Nursing:** Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
- **New Course Requests:** EE 6840, NUR 7720, NUR 7721, NUR 7722, NUR 7723, and PSY 9035
- **Program of Study Modifications:** M.S. Computer Engineering, M.S. Computer Science, and Ph.D. Computer Science and Engineering.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE B

The Curriculum Committee B recommended, and the Graduate Council approved, the following new course requests: EDS 6300 and REL 6930

III. GRADUATE STUDENT ASSEMBLY (GSA)

The applications received in the first round of the professional development/original works grant program are currently under review. The deadline for the second round is Feb. 19. GSA gained 20 new members; membership total is 162 students. The GSA is offering a series of workshops for graduate students; the next one is with the Counseling and Wellness Center.