**YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Graduate Council Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting date: November 20, 2024 @ 4:00 pm**

**TEAMS**

Attending: Douglas Genna, Chair, Lauren Cummins, Kendra Fowler, J. Paul Louth, Jake Protivnak, Sal Sanders, Constantin Virgil Solomon, Wendy Thomas, Joseph Carucci Angie Urmson Jeffries, Sev Van slambrouck

Excused: Patrick J. Bateman, Weiqing Ge, Andrea Richard-Graduate Student Advisory Council Representative

Douglas Genna called the Graduate Council meeting to order at 4:03 PM

1. Committee Chair reports
   1. Admission and Appeals Committee Chair: J. Paul Louth

The Admission and Appeals Committee reviewed a suspension appeal from a student in the Counseling program. This was not approved as the program did not support and the appeal lacked justification to reverse suspension.

Report submitted by Paul Louth 11/18/2024

1. Exceptions Chair: Sal Sanders Nothing to report
2. Graduate Curriculum Chair: Virgil Solomon Nothing to report
3. Grievance Chair: Lauren Cummins Nothing to report
4. GSAC-Andrea Richard. Nothing to report
5. Nomination for Graduate Council Chair:

We want to thank Doug Genna for his service as chair of Graduate Council and congratulations on his new position NSF program director

No nominations were made so the item was tabled until the January meeting.

1. Dean’s Comments:

Sal thanked the Council for their work on graduate policies and their efforts to streamline admission processes and creating policies that positively impact student enrollment and success. He noted that Council’s efforts benefited students across the university. He was very appreciative of the Councils work and efforts. Sal explained that Severine (Sev) Van slambrouck will take over the leadership of the Graduate College in January. Sev introduced herself to the group. She has been at YSU for 6 years in the capacity of Director of Research Services. Prior to YSU she served as a faculty member and researcher. She is looking forward to contributing to graduate education here. Sev told the group that she is open to questions. She said she is excited to work with this group and thanked Sal for his help in the transition. Virgil congratulated Doug for his promotion to NSF program director, Sal for his retirement and Sev for her new position. Virgil asked if Research Services and the Graduate College would be a combined area, as it was previously. Sev, said that yes, she would now be in charge of both. The group stated appreciation in working with Sev on other projects and gave their support

Council is invited to attend a retirement celebration for Sal on Wednesday, December 18th from 3-5:00 in the Tod Hall Lobby.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.