

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE September 19, 2016 MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

- PLACE:** Couper Administration Building - Room148
- PRESIDING:** Susan Strehle, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
- MEMBERS:** Elizabeth Anderson (for Adam Laats), Subimal Chatterjee, Heather DeHaan, Shelley Dionne, Alistair Lees, Michael Lewis, Patrick Madden, Elizabeth Mellin, Pamela Mischen, Rosmarie Morewedge, Nagen Nagarur (for Mohammad Khasawneh), Sara Reiter, Vicky Rizzo, Daryl Santos, Gale Spencer, Leigh Ann Wheeler
- GSO:** Abdulrahman Alwuhayb, Jenn Dum, Kendall Geed, Plash Sachdeva,
- EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Mary Beth Curtin, Sarah Lam, Curtis Kendrick, Paul Parker
- EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Anne Clark, Fernando Guzman, Kevin Hatch, Ricardo Laremont, Tim Perry, Pam Sandoval, Libby Tucker

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Dean Susan Strehle called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

II. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

Dean Strehle welcomed all returning and new council members. A brief session was held so members could introduce themselves. There are five new faculty members, 4 new GSO representatives and one new Ex-Officio member.

III. MINUTES

The minutes from the April 18, 2016 Graduate Council meeting were approved as written.

IV. COMMITTEES

Academic Standards Committee This committee has not met. However there are items for discussion coming up and this committee will be meeting soon.

Advisory Committee for Scholarship and Research This committee met on September 19, 2016. ACSR is the subcommittee of the Graduate Council that advises the VP for Research on all matters of scholarship and research. The membership includes members from the Graduate Council, the TAE chairs (invited as ex-officio members), and a few additional members appointed by the VPR so that every school is represented. ACSR's primary responsibilities include overseeing the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities, the Interdisciplinary Collaboration Grants program, all annual reports for the 30 Organized Research Centers and Institutes and proposals every year for new Organized Research Centers.

Student Affairs/Budget Advisory Committee This committee has not met.

Clark Advisory Committee This committee has not met.

Curriculum Committee This committee met on September 12, 2016. Permanent course proposals were reviewed for: AAAS 525 – Modern Chinese Poetry in Translation; AAAS 526 – Critical Approaches to Chinese Culture; BME 683 – Emerging Methods and Applications in Biomedical Engineering; MATH 562 – Arithmetic Seminar; MATH 564 – Analysis Seminar; MATH 568 – Data Science Seminar; MUS 526 - Form & Analysis: Music Since 1900; SSIE 641 – Advance Topics in Network Science; and SW 542 – Complex Trauma and Recovery. All permanent course proposals were approved.

The next item for discussion was a program revision proposal for the MS in Health Systems Engineering. There is a need for a separate MS in Health Systems Engineering program, due to an increased emphasis on better services and greater efficiency in health care; as well, the demand for health systems engineers has been growing. The SSIE department has MS programs in both ISE (Industrial Science and Engineering) and Systems Science with a health systems track. The health systems track has been growing and students are interested in a degree title that would give them more marketability. Shelley Dionne motioned approval, with a second by Heather DeHaan, and the program was unanimously approved.

The next proposal was for a dual degree program in MA Spanish/MSW. This need arises due an increased demand for Spanish-speaking social workers in Hispanic communities. The proposal for a dual degree allows students to complete both master's degree programs in 2 ½ years, including two summer semesters. Approval was motioned by Subimal Chatterjee and seconded by Rosmarie Morewedge. The program was unanimously approved.

Environmental Studies proposes to add courses at the 500 level, although they don't have a master's program. They would like to be able to offer some courses as dual level courses with a 400 level for seniors and a 500 level (requiring additional work) for master's students, along with setting aside some seats for students in the Sustainable Communities program. This would allow graduate students in various programs to take courses from the Environmental Studies program. Specific course proposals have not yet been developed but will be presented to Council soon; this was presented for informational purposes at this time.

Strategic Planning Committee This committee has not met.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Paul Parker spoke regarding Research Integrity functions. Nancy Lewis has been hired as the new assistant vice president for Research Compliance and she has extensive background in this area. Nancy has drafted a new policy regarding the Scientific Misconduct process. It is much more comprehensive and fits in much better with the federal guidelines that provide necessary guidance for this type of procedure. Paul will keep the committee informed as the policy is developed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m. after a motion by Liz Mellin, seconded by Gale Spencer.

Minutes recorded by Melissa Spencer,
Secretary to the Vice Provost and Dean
of the Graduate School