

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

THE GRADUATE COUNCIL- MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2021

3:30pm – 5:00pm

- PLACE:** Zoom
- PRESIDING:** Donald G. Nieman, Provost & Interim Dean of the Graduate School
- MEMBERS:** Manoj Agarwal, Seden Akcinaroglu, Susan Bane, Christopher Bishop, David Campbell, Elizabeth Casteen, Nikolay Dimitrov, Guy German, Michael Jacobson, Kimberly Jaussi, Sha Jin, Leslie Lander, Alistair Lees, Loretta Mason-Williams, Erin Neske, Andreas Pape, Sabina Perrino, Gail Rattinger, Nicole Rouhana, Kent Schull, Douglas Summerville, Lawrence Tumey, Kaiming Ye
- EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Gretchen Mahler, Sara Reiter, Ellen Tilden
- GUESTS:** Rodney Gabel, Beth Polzin, Chenqing Song
- EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Mary Beth Curtin, Nasrin Fatima, Curtis Kendrick, Luiza Moreira, Nadia Rubaii, Vrushab Sakpal (rep. GSO President), Tim Singler, Leo Wilton

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Provost Nieman called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

II. Minutes from the March 29, 2021 meeting

The minutes from the March 29, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

III. Committees

Academic Standards Committee – This committee met on April 12, 2021. Gretchen Mahler noted the committee revisited the 4 + 1 double-counting policy. The committee made additional edits to the policy. The committee received feedback from the Harpur dean's office with a concern about bringing undergraduate requirements into a graduate policy. The committee asked to hold off on voting and continue to revise and work on this policy with clarification on double-counting for the 4 + 1 students. Gretchen Mahler noted that this will be brought back to the committee in the fall to work on. Suggestions were brought forth by the committee. Gretchen Mahler and Doug Summerville were present for questions. The policy was edited to remove Undergraduate requirements. The committee then voted and approved the new policy. Gretchen Mahler proceeded with the last item discussed, noting all curricular matters are going to move to the colleges starting the next academic year. The graduate

school has provided a template for new graduate courses that can be used by the colleges. This information provides requirements and is the backbone for building new courses. She reviewed edits that were made to the form. She noted that the plan is to update the template that is provided on the graduate school website and make it available to the colleges as they develop their curricular processes.

Curriculum Committee – This committee met on April 19, 2021. Gretchen Mahler presented the following:

Permanent course proposals:

1. CCPA 679 – Advanced Quantitative Methods. Gretchen Mahler was present to answer questions. CCPA 679 proposal was approved as a permanent course.
2. EECE 514 – Electronic Storage Systems and Applications – This is a Watson course that was previously taught at a topics course being made permanent. There were edits made to the diversity statement to include accessibility of this technology to different groups. Gretchen Mahler and Doug Summerville were present to answer questions. EECE 514 was approved as a permanent course.
3. EECE 525 – Digital Audio System Processing – This is a Watson course that was previously taught at a topics course being made permanent. Gretchen Mahler and Doug Summerville were present to answer questions. EECE 525 was approved as a permanent course.
4. EECE 578 – Introduction to Microfabrication – This is a 4 credit course with a lab component and was previously taught as an experimental course. Gretchen Mahler and Doug Summerville were present to answer questions. EECE 578 was approved as a permanent course.
5. MUS 540 – Independent Reading and Vocal Pedagogy – This is a cross-listed course with the undergraduate 440 and in the graduate program, the students can take the course for 2 or 4 credits with a reduction in the amount of reading and writing for students that take it for 2 credits. Gretchen Mahler was present to answer questions. MUS 540 was approved as a permanent course.
6. SUST 581 – Macrobiotic Science, Politics and Conflict - There was one edit made to the proposal concerning enrollment, due to the high enrollment of 40. The program director noted

that 10 of the seats will be reserved for graduate students and anticipating those seats to fill quickly. Gretchen Mahler was present to answer questions. SUST 581 was approved as a permanent course.

7. SUST 581 – Indigenous Knowledge Systems – This course will compare Indigenous and Western Scientific Knowledge Systems. Gretchen Mahler was present to answer questions. SUST 581 was approved as a permanent course.
8. TRIP 563 – Project Management for Translation – This is a 4 credit course. There was an edit made to differentiate between the undergraduate and graduate coursework. Beth Polzin and Chenqing Song were present to answer questions. TRIP 563 was approved as a permanent course.
9. TRIP 564 – Culture in translation – This is a 4 credit course. There was an edit made to differentiate between the 400 and 500 coursework. Beth Polzin and Chenqing Song were present to answer questions. TRIP 564 was approved as a permanent course.

Program Revisions:

1. Re-registration Management Ph.D. – Gretchen Mahler reviewed the proposed changes and requirements for each track. All tracks have 54 credits and will require a master's degree. Manoj Agarwal and Gretchen Mahler were present to answer questions. The Management Ph.D. proposal was approved.

New Programs:

1. TRIP MA – Beth Polzin presented this new program. This is a 32 credit program MA in translation. They expect to add a 4 +1 and attract students locally and from abroad. This is the 3rd MA in Translation in the state. Beth Polzin and Chenqing Song were present for questions. The TRIP MA new program was approved.
2. Speech Language and Pathology MS – Rodney Gabel presented this new program. This program is accredited through the council of academic affairs. This is a 54 credit program. The course work meets the accreditations outcomes. This program includes an extension clinical experience piece which includes simulation and off-campus internships. There is a new undergraduate minor at the university that will serve students who have already been perusing

a speech language pathology career. Rodney Gabel reviewed changes that were made after the program external review. Rodney Gabel was present for questions. The Speech Language and Pathology MS new program was approved.

Advisory Committee for Scholarship and Research – This committee met on April 20, 2021. Gretchen Mahler noted she received an update from Michael Jacobson noting the committee continued an annual review of centers and institutes.

Student Affairs/Budget Advisory Committee – This committee met on April 20, 2021. Gretchen Mahler noted the committee reviewed and discussed the Graduate School travel grant applications. The Graduate School was able to fund 13 awards out of 15 applications for a total of \$5,714.

Clark Advisory Committee – This committee met on March 11, 2021. Gretchen Mahler noted the committee had made recommendations for funding for the new Clark fellows. There were 13 openings, those openings have been filled and will have a full class in the fall.

IV. New Business

Provost Nieman noted he will be speaking at the Faculty Senate meeting tomorrow about the changes made to the graduate school bylaws that were passed at the last Graduate School Council meeting. If you have questions from colleagues, please share our rationale and discussion to give a better understanding of why these changes are being made. It will go out to the full faculty for a vote toward the end of the semester. He added this is the last Graduate Council meeting for this year. He thanked Gretchen Mahler for the great work she has done. Lastly, he noted there will be an announcement mid-week regarding the Graduate School Dean opening.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Kellie Hovancik,
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