

**BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY**

**THE GRADUATE COUNCIL- MEETING MINUTES**

**April 25, 2022**

**3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**PLACE:** Zoom / Couper Administration, AD-148

**PRESIDING:** Gretchen Mahler, Interim Dean of the Graduate School

**MEMBERS:** Jeremy Blackburn, Rory Eckardt, Ann Fronczek, Jeroen Gerrits, Yetrib Hathout, Les Lander, Loretta Mason-Williams, Andreas Pape, Hiroki Sayama, Chenqing Song, Junghyun Cho, Bogum Yoon, Danielle Dunne, Joshua Reno, Nathan Tumey, Kristina Lambright, Christopher Bartlette

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Ellen Tilden

**EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Grace Babalola, Niyazi Bodur, James Galbraith, Christopher Wright (GSO President), Carl Lipo, Kanneboyina Nagaraju, Gale Spencer, Scott Craver, Patrick Madden, Julia Rumsey, Thomas Powell, Nicole Rouhana David Werner, Michael Jacobson, Ana Sanchez-Bachman,

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Dean Mahler called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

**II. Minutes from the March 28, 2022 meeting**

The minutes from the March 28, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

Yetrib Hathout made the motion and Josh Reno second the motion. 17 voted to approve the statement and none opposed.

**III. Committees**

**Academic Standards Committee** – The committee met on March 7, 2022 to discuss the Graduate School Mission Statement. The last time edits were made to the Mission Statement was 2005. Gretchen explained there have been changes and reorganization in the Graduate School and would like to clarify what our goals are. Gretchen discussed the changes that were made to statement. Gretchen would like to have the mission statement approved prior to the new Provost starting. Gretchen asked for a motion

to vote to approve the new language. Hiroki Sayama made a motion to approve the Mission Statement and Yetrib Hathout second the motion. 17 voted to approve the statement and none opposed.

**Diversity Committee** – This committee met on March 11, 2022. Andreas Pape provided an update on the Clark Applications. He noted that there are 16 new incoming Clark's this fall. Committee did a great job making the selections. 3 are Masters students and 13 are PhD students. Clark receives an annual budget from the state and allocation from Binghamton University.

**Professional Development Committee** – This committee met on April 20, 2022. Andreas gave updates regarding assessing the 6 consultants (2 writing, 2 coding and 2 stats). This is a free service for Graduate students. The primary function of the consultants was one on one meeting with students to talk about particular issues. Coding consultants in addition to one on one meetings also ran workshops on coding topics. The consultants had total of 110 one on one meetings with the bulk being in writing. The use of the consultants by school are 52 in Harper, 25 in CCPA, 17 in Watson, 15 in Decker and 1 in the School of Management. The coding workshops were very well attended. Moving forward Andreas want to communicate the use of consultants more effectively to graduate students. Also given the significant overlap between the stats and coding we plan to combine the two into one and have two writing consultants for next year. Andreas mentioned conversations starting to help the postdoc students with support and community.

**Student Affairs/Budget Advisory Committee** – This committee has not met. 55 applications to considered for the Travel grants. \$15,000 in total for this round. Since the budget gets renewed in July, we decided any Graduate Student who is traveling in August or after we would roll over their application to the next round. That dropped the number of applicants by 20%.

**IV. New Business** – Non-tenure track advising for masters committee policy. This was presented to the full faculty Senate and they questioned the language. They would like to change individuals to faculty. There was a discussion of this change. Joshua Reno made a motion to make the change to faculty and approve and Hiroki Sayama second the motion. 18 voted to approve the change and none opposed.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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Minutes recorded by Nicole Smith  
Administrative Assistant to the Dean