

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

THE GRADUATE COUNCIL- MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2023

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom / Couper Administration, AD-148

PRESIDING: Gretchen Mahler, Interim Dean of the Graduate School

MEMBERS: Loretta Mason-Williams, Sharon Bryant, Steven Schwartz, Hiroki Sayama, Yvonne Johnston, Pegor Aynajian, Norah Henry, Sarah Young, Anja Karnein, Andreas Pape, Kyoung-Don Kang, Vladimir Nikulin, Nicole Rouhana, Melissa Hardesty, Guy German, Sungdai Cho, Tony Davis, Brad Canno, Seden Akcinarogl, Weixing Zhu,

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Jillian Sandy, Kristina Marty, Judith Deluca, Ellen Tilden, Yongabi Ngoh,

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Tao Zhang, Praseeda Gopinath, Summer Farriss, Jenna Buquicchio, Carl Lipo, Junghyun Cho, Michael Jacobson, Pam Stewart Fahs, Jobial Alex, Harshitha Gurram

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Dean Mahler called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

II. Minutes from the September 18, 2023 meeting

The minutes from the September 18, 2023 meeting were approved as written. Yvonne Johnston made the motion and Nicole Rouhana seconded the motion. All were in favor to approve the minutes and none opposed.

III. Committees

- Academic Standards Committee – The committee met on October 2, 2023
 - Change in Probation Relative to GPA
 - Original policy reads - a graduate program may only continue a student with a cumulative grade point average below 3.0 on probation for maximum of 3 semesters excluding summer sessions except in extraordinary circumstances.

- Change would be: a graduate program may only continue a student with a cumulative grade point average below 3.0 on probation for maximum of 3 semesters in which a student is required to be enrolled, except in extraordinary circumstances.
- Dr. Pape called a vote. All were in favor to approve the new language of the policy and none were opposed. The change in language passed.
- Diversity Committee – The committee met on October 16, 2023
 - The recent Supreme Court decision prohibits including race in admission decisions
 - SUNY legal counsel will provide guidance for scholarships, including the Clark fellowship
 - Discuss the inclusion criteria
 - Student essay prompts and departmental essay prompts
 - Committee will continue to work on revising the language
- Professional Development Committee – The committee met on October 11, 2023
 - Graduate Director resources
 - Organization is located in Bright Space
 - Frequently asked questions are posted, please add any ideas to this document that would be useful for new graduate directors
- Student Affairs/ Budget Advisory Committee – The committee has not met

IV. New Business

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. Yvonne Johnston made the motion and Hiroki Sayama seconded the motion. All in favor to adjourn the meeting and none opposed.

Minutes recorded by Nicole Smith
Administrative Assistant to the Dean