

# BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

## MINUTES OF THE APRIL 30, 2018 MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

**PLACE:** Couper Administration Building – Room 148

**PRESIDING:** Aondover Tarhule, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School

**MEMBERS:** Tamara Brown (GSO), Yu Chen, Paul Chiarot, Raaviraj Deshmukh (GSO), Robert Guay, Weiyi Meng, Pamela Mischen, Xingye Qiao, Pamela Smart, Gale Spencer, Nathan Tumey, Nancy Um, Curtis Kendrick

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Sarah Lam

**EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Timothy Barnes, Subimal Chatterjee, Anne Clark, Heather DeHaan, Shelley Dionne, Yetrib Hathout, Matt Johnson, Mohammad Khasawneh, Adam Laats, Elizabeth Mellin, Andreas Pape, Paul Parker, Christine Sylvester, Leigh Ann Wheeler, Shengsheng Zhou (GSO)

### I. CALL TO ORDER:

Dean Tarhule called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm

### II. MINUTES

The minutes from the March 26, 2018 were approved as written.

### III. Report from Committees

**Curriculum Committee** – Associate Dean Sarah Lam reported that the Committee met on April 23, 2018. The Committee approved course proposal BME 553 – Biomedical Data Management & Regulatory Sciences. The proposal was accepted as approved.

Associate Dean Lam presented two program revisions that were approved by the Curriculum Committee. The first one was from the School of Nursing. Representatives from Nursing, Mary Muscari, Pamela Stewart-Fahs and Gale Spencer were in attendance. The proposal is in regards to Distance Learning for the Nursing Program. A formal vote was taken and the proposal was approved unanimously. It will be forwarded to the EPPC. The second one was a combined degree program of BA in Mathematical Sciences and MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering. It is a fast track program. A formal vote was taken and the proposal was approved unanimously. Will move onto the next campus level but will not need to go to SUNY.

Associate Dean Lam presented a proposal to deactivate the 3+2 BS/MS in Computer Science. A formal vote was taken and it was approved. It will be sent on to EPPC.

**Academic Standards Committee** – This committee has not met.

**Advisory Committee for Scholarship and Research** – The Committee meets every week. No update given.

**Student Affairs/Budget Advisory Committee** – This Committee met on April 20 and reviewed 65 applications for the Binghamton Foundation travel grant. Twenty-eight applicants with ABD status were recommended for the travel grant.

**Clark Advisory Committee** – Associate Dean Lam reported the Committee's final review meeting was on April 4. The Committee reviewed the rest of applications and provided their recommendation. So far, there were 13 offers accepted. Still waiting on answers from several. There is a few on the waiting list. The goal is to bring the number of awardees close to 60 from current lower number of 52. The budget has not changed.

Associate Dean Lam reported that the Committee received a request for Clark fellowship support from Sustainable Communities but that nomination was not recommended for Clark because no matching funds from the program was provided. This issue will likely come up again and therefore should be addressed. The Advisory Committee agrees that it is important to support interdisciplinary programs but that requires institutional commitment. The Committee recommends that interdisciplinary programs should work with their Deans to provide one semester of support for their Clarks.

**Strategic Planning Committee** – This committee has not met.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dean Tarhule stated that the current members whose 3 year term will be up will be replaced. A survey nominating new members had been distributed and the votes tallied. The leading vote getters have been invited to serve. The Graduate Council will be updated as new members accept.

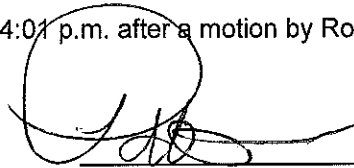
Dean Tarhule announced that a LOI – for a new masters degree in Archaeological Science has been submitted. No additional action is required at this time.

Dean Tarhule presented a Leave of Absence document for Pharmacy. Assistant Dean Coulter Ward was at the meeting to represent the school. This will allow students who have not achieve the Schools GPA requirements to take a leave of absence for one semester. The students would return at the end of the leave without having to apply for readmission. Upon further discussion, it was unclear how this might affect international students due to immigration requirements that students must remain continuously enrolled. The department decided to go back and review the policy. It was not voted on.

Dean Tarhule requested clarification regarding who could serve as outside examiner on a Ph.D. dissertation. The question arose because one department had requested an emeritus professor as reviewer. The Council members reviewed the wording of the current language and concluded that an emeritus professor is eligible to serve as outside examiner as long as he or she is from a different department.

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m. after a motion by Robert Guay and seconded by Gale Spencer .



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Minutes recorded by Patty Gabriel,  
Secretary to the Vice Provost and Dean  
of the Graduate School