

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY
THE GRADUATE COUNCIL- MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 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: Christopher Bartlette, Paul Chiarot, Hiroki Sayama, Yetrib Hathout Yvonne Johnston, Jeroen Gerritis, Ann Fronczek, KarenBeth Bohan, Norah Henry, Jeremy Blackburn, Jeff Pietras, Pamela Stewart Fahs, Andreas Pape, Joshua Reno, Suzanne McLeod, Bogum Yoon, Nicole Fenty, Rory Eckardt, Thomas Powell, Patrick Madden, Nicole Rouhana,

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Junghyun Cho, Jillian Sandy, Ellen Tilden

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Danielle Dunne, Nathan Tumey, Niyazi Bodu, Michael Jacobson, Carl Lipo, Scott Craver, Yongabi Ngoh, Kristina Marty, GSO President

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. Minutes from the March 27, 2023 meeting

The minutes from the March 27, 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 April 17, 2023

- Nomination of non-tenure track faculty member to serve on master and doctoral committees for three years
 - Lubna Omar
- A motion to approve was made by Hiroki Sayama. All were in favor to approve Dr. Omar and none opposed.

Diversity Committee - The committee met on April 12, 2023

- Updates on Clark Fellowships
 - 12 total application (9 doctoral students)
- Committees suggestions for AY 23-24
 - Underrepresented minorities should be nominated
 - Women in STEM should be nominated
 - Nominees should share their vision for helping their own underrepresented community
 - Possible new way to group Clark Fellow
 - Only students who are nominated by Graduate Director are considered

Professional Development Committee - The committee has not met

- Professional development series for humanities graduate students
 - David Sterling Brown, a former Binghamton University professor in the English Department now at TrinityCollege
 - Topics
 - Developing Your Talent, Developing Your Career: The Tools for Success
 - Take the staplers and run”: Navigating Institutions for Personal Growth
 - Your Silence Will Not Protect You”: Using Your Education to Shape and Shake Things Up
 - Business Needs Humanities; Humanities Need Business
 - DIY Digital: Sounding Out a Space of One’s Own
 - Transforming Where You Are
 - Maximizing Your PhD Skillset: Be(com)ing Agents of Change
 - 100 students signed up and each session so far was well attended
 - Thank you to Nicole Smith and Yongabi Ngoh

Budget and Grievance Committee – This committee will meet on April 26, 2023

- Updates on Graduate School Travel Awards
- \$100,000 for this Academic Year (\$66,000 used and \$33,000 for April applicants)
- April will be the last round of Graduate School travel grants for this academic year

IV. New Business

- 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) Competition
 - Thursday, April 27, 2023 at noon in the Mandela Room
 - 16 Finalist all across campus

- Thank you to outgoing Graduate Council members

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes recorded by Nicole Smith
Administrative Assistant to the Dean