

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

THE GRADUATE COUNCIL- MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 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, Yetrib Hathout, Andreas Pape, Bogum Yoon, Danielle Dunne, Joshua Reno, Nathan Tumey, Christopher Bartlette, Nicole Rouhana, Patrick Madden, Norah Henry, Paul Chiarot, Nicole Fenty, Suzanne McLeod, Yvonne Johnston

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Ellen Tilden, Yongabi Ngoh, Junghyun Cho

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Hiroki Sayama, Scott Craver, Michael Jacobson, Grace Babalola, Niyazi Bodur, James Galbraith, Carl Lipo, Kanneboyina Nagaraju, Gale Spencer, Thomas Powell, Jeff Pietras

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. Minutes from the September 19, 2022 meeting

The minutes from the April 25, 2022 meeting were approved as written. Christopher Bartlette made the motion and Nicole Rouhana second the motion. 20 voted to approve the statement and none opposed.

III. Welcome new members

The new members are Christopher Bartlette, Norah Henry, Paul Chiarot, Nicole Fenty, Suzanne McLeod, Yvonne Johnston, Jeffrey Pietras, Yetrib Hathout, and Hiroki Sayama.

IV. Introduction to Graduate Council and Graduate Council Sub-Committees

Academic Standards Committee

- Reviews and recommends criteria for graduate student admissions, academic standards for determining satisfactory progress, and policies and procedures for dismissal from the Graduate School

- Advises regarding service of non-members of the graduate faculty as instructors in graduate-level courses or on student advisory committees
- Advises on general academic policy matters with the Graduate School
- Recommends to the Graduate Council all major revisions of general academic policy
- Reviews bylaws periodically and recommends revisions as needed

Diversity Committee

- Reviews nomination for Clark Fellowships and makes recommendation for awards
- Makes recommendations to the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School and Graduate Council on strategies to improve recruitment and success of first generation, economically disadvantaged and underrepresented students to Binghamton University

Professional Development Committee

- Reviews support for professional development for graduate students offered by the Graduate School and by graduate programs
- Identifies best practice in graduate educations and makes recommendation to the Graduate Council for its consideration
- Evaluates nominations for the Graduate Student Excellence Awards and make recommendations to the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School

Budget and Grievance Committee

- Advises on the allocation of student support resources
- Recommends policies with respect to graduate students support levels and duration of support
- Advises on other budgetary matters relating to the operations of the Graduate School
- Develops procedures and advises on student and/ or faculty grievances which involves the jurisdiction of the Graduate School

V. Summary of 21-22 Graduate Council Accomplishments were discussed

VI. 22-23 Graduate Council Initiatives and Priorities

Academic Standards Committee

- Review Grievance and Severance policies and recommended practices
- Develop template for grad manuals

Professional Development

- Long term for the consultants
- DiDa or something similar for the graduate level (perhaps a certificate for computational skills)

Diversity Committee

- We will have Clark fellow coffee hour
- Possibly no new Clark Fellows for spring

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Nicole Smith
Administrative Assistant to the Dean