

# BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

## MINUTES OF THE November 7, 2016 MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

- PLACE:** Couper Administration Building - Room148
- PRESIDING:** Susan Strehle, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
- MEMBERS:** Shelley Dionne, Ross Geohegan for Fernando Guzman, Mohammad Khasawneh, Alistair Lees, Michael Lewis, Patrick Madden, Elizabeth Mellin, Pamela Mischen, Sara Reiter, Vicky Rizzo, Daryl Santos, Gale Spencer, Leigh Ann Wheeler
- GSO:** Abdulrahman Alwuhayb, Jenn Dum, Kendall Geed, Shengsheng Zhou for Plash Sachdeva,
- EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Sarah Lam
- EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Elizabeth Anderson (for Adam Laats), Subimal Chatterjee, Anne Clark, Mary Beth Curtin, Heather DeHaan, Kevin Hatch, Curtis Kendrick, Ricardo Laremont, Rosmarie Morewedge, Paul Parker, Tim Perry, Pam Sandoval Libby Tucker,

### I. CALL TO ORDER:

Dean Susan Strehle called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

### II. MINUTES

The minutes from the October 17, 2016 were corrected to include Jenn Dum; although she had attended, she did not sign in and was therefore not counted in the meeting. Otherwise, the minutes from the October 17, 2016 Graduate Council meeting were approved as written.

### III. COMMITTEES

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

**Advisory Committee for Scholarship and Research** This committee met on October 31, 2016 with discussions focused on submissions for the new TAE. As well, they are eager for more nominations for the Chancellor's Awards.

**Student Affairs/Budget Advisory Committee** This committee has not met.

**Clark Advisory Committee** This committee has not met.

**Curriculum Committee** This committee met on October 31, 2016. Permanent course proposals were reviewed for: EDUC 610 – Collaboration with Diverse Stakeholders, EDUC 611 – Special Program Leadership and MATH 550 – Statistical Consulting. All permanent course proposals were approved.

The next item for discussion was a doctoral program revision proposal for CCPA. The request is to change the existing title of the PhD from Community and Public Affairs to Community Research and Action. This will eliminate confusion regarding the title, allow for a more accurate description of the program, and give a more cohesive identity to the program. The name change will reflect a college-wide identity, rather than refer to a specific program. The revision proposal was unanimously approved. Another item from CCPA requested minor changes in the PhD program requirements. The proposed changes reflect minor curriculum changes with credits going from 37 to 41. The proposed changes were unanimously approved.

The next topic for discussion was credit hour revision requests for the dual MPA-MSAA and MPA-MSW Programs, reducing the total number of credits for the dual programs by 2 credits by eliminating one writing course. No questions were raised and the changes were unanimously approved.

The final item discussed was the new M.P.H. (master's in public health) proposal. Susan outlined the MPH proposal, the results of the external review, and the revisions to the proposal made as a result of the outside evaluators' positive evaluations of the program. Information was added to the proposal to increase the sections on need and demand, and a student survey was taken and added. The program was revised to become a single generalist degree with two foci, rather than a program with two concentrations. The reviewers wrote detailed reports including material to strengthen the ties between the proposed program and accreditation standards set by CEPH, the Council for Education in Public Health. While the evaluators had detailed their comments in an exit interview, one of the reports was not received by the time of the Council meeting on 11/7, so no vote was taken; but discussion was held regarding the proposal to inform all members and answer questions. The full proposal will be voted on by the Council once finalized.

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

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m. after a motion by Daryl Santos, seconded by Patrick Madden.

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Minutes recorded by Melissa Spencer,  
Secretary to the Vice Provost and Dean  
of the Graduate School