

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE December 12, 2016 MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

- PLACE:** Couper Administration Building – Room 148
- PRESIDING:** Susan Strehle, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
- MEMBERS:** Elizabeth Anderson (for Adam Laats), Subimal Chatterjee, Anne Clark, Heather DeHaan, Alistair Lees, Michael Lewis, Patrick Madden, Pamela Mischen, Rosmarie Morewedge, Sara Reiter, Pam Sandoval, Daryl Santos, Gale Spencer
- GSO:** Jenn Dum, Shengsheng Zhou for Plash Sachdeva,
- EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Mary Beth Curtin, Sarah Lam
- EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Abdulrahman Alwuhayb, Shelley Dionne, Kendall Geed, Ross Geohegan (for Fernando Guzman), Kevin Hatch, Curtis Kendrick, Mohammad Khasawneh, Ricardo Laremont, Elizabeth Mellin, Tim Perry, Vicky Rizzo, Leigh Ann Wheeler

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Dean Susan Strehle called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

II. MINUTES

The minutes from the November 7, 2016 were approved as written.

III. COMMITTEES

Academic Standards Committee This committee has not met.

Advisory Committee for Scholarship and Research This committee met on December 12, 2016. They have continued the work previously discussed over the semester, and participated in the internal selection process for the chancellor's award for excellence in scholarship and creative activities nominations.

Student Affairs/Budget Advisory Committee This committee met on November 16, 2016 to discuss applications for the Binghamton Foundation Travel Grant. Twenty applicants with ABD status were recommended for this award. This round of the competition included a total of 63 applicants; 20 non-ABD and 43 ABD students. The committee also met on November 21, 2016 to discuss nominations for the Graduate Student Excellence Awards in the categories of teaching, research, and service/outreach. A total of 16 students were recommended for the research award, 4 for the service/outreach award and 10 for the teaching award.

Clark Advisory Committee This committee has not met but discussed items through email prior to the Graduate Council meeting. The committee recommended one nominee for Clark for Spring 2017. They also recommended keeping the current deadline for Clark nominations (2/1 and 3/1) due to the belief that having an earlier offer will make it more competitive, bringing in more qualified students. The third item the committee discussed referred to a 50/50 cost share for Master's students for two years. This would involve a cost sharing of both tuition and stipend of master's students for both years rather than doing a full year and then 50/50.

Curriculum Committee This committee met on December 5, 2016. Permanent course proposals were reviewed for: SSIE 530 – Healthcare Policy Analysis; SSIE 538 – Healthcare Cost Estimation and Financing Analysis; ME 502 – Structural Mechanics; ME 575 – Nanoscale Energy Transport; ME 577 – Mechanics in Energy Applications; GEOG 537 – Urban Patterns-Processes and Sustainability; SEC 510 – Adolescent Development and Culturally Responsive Practices. All permanent course proposals were approved.

The next items discussed were program revision proposals. The first proposal was a revised Ed.D., which included 4 new/revised courses: 600, 601, 602 and 603. The revisions put the program in line with the specific standards and requirements for the accreditation agency, make the expectations of the program clearer, and help students complete in less time. The revision proposal for the Ed.D was unanimously approved.

The next items up for discussion included Education proposals to revise the Childhood and Early Childhood programs, leading to double certification either with Literacy or with Special Education. The programs were revised to move from 4 to 3 credit courses and prepare students for the job market with a dual certification in CED and either Literacy or SPED. Both revision proposals were unanimously approved.

The next items discussed included nine proposals to revise existing Master of Arts in Teaching programs, moving from 4 credits to 3 credits, changing from 42 credits to 35 credits and adding one required course important to fulfill new accreditation requirements. All nine MAT proposals were unanimously approved. The next items were nine parallel Master of Science in Education proposals in the same fields, also moving from 4 credits to 3 credits and adding one education elective. All 9 MSED proposals were unanimously approved.

The next item for discussion was an MBA program revision, moving from 4 credit courses to 3 credit courses and reducing the total program requirements from 69 to 57 credit hours. The program revision proposal was approved with a vote of 18 approved and 1 abstention.

The final item discussed was a new combined (4 + 1) degree proposal for a BA/MA in the Comparative Literature program, allowing a student to get both degrees in 5 years. It was determined that the proposal needs to go back to the department for some minor changes and will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Strategic Planning Committee This committee has not met.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. after a motion by Patrick Madden, seconded by Subimal Chatterjee.

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