

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE September 25, 2017 MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

- PLACE:** Couper Administration Building - Room148
- PRESIDING:** Aondover Tarhule, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
- MEMBERS:** Subimal Chatterjee, Yu Chen, Paul Chiarot, Shelley Dionne, Bob Guay, Yetrib Hathout, Mohammad Khasawneh, Elizabeth Mellin, Xingye Qiao, Vicky Rizzo, Pam Smart, Gale Spencer, Libby Tucker, Nathan Tumey, Nancy Um, Leigh Ann Wheeler, Heather DeHaan
- GSO:** Tamara Brown, Le (Joy) Li
- EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Mary Beth Curtin, Sarah Lam
- EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Anne Clark, Matt Johnson, Adam Laats, Weiyi Meng, Pam Mischen, Andreas Pape
- GSO EXCUSED/** Christine Sylvester, Shengsheng Zhou

ABSENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Dean Aondover Tarhule called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

II. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

Dean Tarhule welcomed all returning and new council members. Following introductions, Dean Tarhule reviewed the responsibilities, membership, and proposed meeting schedules of the Graduate Council's standing committees.

III. MINUTES

The minutes from the April 24, 2017 Graduate Council meeting were accepted. Those minutes suggested that the college's representation on the Standing committees had been discussed and tabled for the current academic year. Dean Tarhule will investigate the nature of the issue and bring up the matter at a future meeting.

IV. COMMITTEES

Academic Standards Committee This committee has not met.

Advisory Committee for Scholarship and Research This committee has not met.

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

Curriculum Committee This committee met on September 18, 2017. Associate Dean Lam who chaired the committee summarized the committees' deliberations and decision on three proposals, namely MUSP 568A Vocal Performance and Collaboration; GEOL 578 Mineral and Rock Analysis; ENVI 515 Environmental Planning. Following brief discussion and some clarifications, all three proposals were approved unanimously.

The next item for discussion was a program proposal for the Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention – Certificate. The certificate program focuses on contemporary practical issues and challenges in

prevention of incidents of genocide and mass atrocity. The certificate proposal was unanimously approved.

The next proposal was for a dual degree program in MPA/MS Systems Science. The proposal for a dual degree allows students to complete both master's degree programs in 2 ½ years, including one summer semester. The program was unanimously approved.

Strategic Planning Committee This committee has not met.

Clark Advisory Committee This committee has not met.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Under new business, Dean Tarhule, outlined a number of items he would like to work on during this academic year. These include, increasing graduate student enrollments, new degree programs, time-to-degree completion, identifying and removing impediments to interdisciplinary programs, and initiating a discussion forum for sharing best practices in graduate education.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

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