

Graduate Council Meeting September 22, 2009

Attendees: Matthew Aiello-Lammens (GSO), Estie Arkin (Applied Mathematics and Statistics), Ruth Ben-Zvi (Economics), Alicia DeRosalia (Graduate School), Dante Di Ianni (Graduate Student Advocate), Elaine Hoffman (Library), Michael Kifer (Computer Science), Sara Lipton (History), Kent Marks (Graduate School), Anne McElroy(SOMAS), Brian Phillips (Geoscience), A. Laurie Shroyer (Preventative Medicine), Marcia Simon (Dental School), Arleen Steckel (Nursing School), Charles Taber (Political Science and Associate Dean, Graduate School), Jacobus Verbaarschot (Chair, Physics & Astronomy), Elizabeth Vink (GSO)

Absent Members: Allegra de Laurentiis (Philosophy), Lawrence Martin (Dean, Graduate School), Susan O'Leary (Psychology), Susan Scheckel (English)

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by the Graduate Council Chair, Jacobus Verbaarschot. Introductions were made to the two new members from GSO, Elizabeth Vink and Matthew Aiello-Lammens.

Approval of minutes

Minutes were approved from the 9/8/09 meeting with minor revisions.

Chair's Report

- Discussed recent article about protests of research assistants on the absence of a contract

Old Business

- Proposal for MS Degree in Journalism
 - Howard Schneider (Dean) and Elizabeth Bass from the School of Journalism joined the meeting at 12:45 to answer Council's questions and concerns.
 - Proposal approved with minor revisions.

New Business

- Proposal for PSM Degree in Physics
 - Council suggested minor revisions. Once edits are made, proposal can be put in front of Council again.
- Charles Taber informed Council that procedures have changed in terms of submitting proposals to Albany. It used to be that the Provost's office gave final authorization, however now the responsibility for the proposals in the graduate programs will be that of the Graduate School.

Dean's Report

No report - Dean was unable to attend meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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