

Graduate Council Meeting February 24, 2010

Attendees: Matthew Aiello-Lammens (GSO), Ruth Ben-Zvi (Economics), Allegra de Laurentiis (Philosophy), Alicia DeRosalia (Graduate School), Dante Di Ianni (Graduate Student Advocate), Elaine Hoffman (Library), Sara Lipton (History), Kent Marks (Graduate School), Lawrence Martin (Dean, Graduate School), Anne McElroy (SoMAS), Susan O'Leary (Psychology), Brian Phillips (Geoscience), Susan Scheckel (English), Marcia Simon (Dental School), Arleen Steckel (Nursing School), Charles Taber (Political Science and Associate Dean, Graduate School), Jacobus Verbaarschot (Graduate Council Chair), Elizabeth Vink (GSO)

Absent Members: Estie Arkin (Applied Mathematics and Statistics), Michael Kifer (Computer Science), A. Laurie Shroyer (Preventative Medicine)

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by the Chair, Jacobus Verbaarschot.

Approval of minutes

- Minutes were approved from the 2/17/10 meeting.

Chair's Report

- Chair spoke with Michael Schwartz regarding overload of TA lines.
- Kent Marks and Chair spoke about concern of students' Social Security numbers on applications; will be changing the format so that the pdfs printed from Apply Yourself only show the last four digits.

Old Business

- **Revision of MA in Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies**
 - With minor revisions to text, revised proposal is approved.

New Business

- **Proposal for MS in Biochemistry and Cell Biology**
 - Council needs to see a revised proposal before approving.
- **Proposal of MS degree in Geosciences with Concentration in ESS**
 - ACTION: Kent Marks to review course descriptions.
 - Not approved at this time – the Council would like a revised proposal and supporting documentation.
- **Modification of MA Tracks in Biological Sciences**
 - If ENP is taken out of the proposal, the Council approves the other tracks with minor revisions.
- **Lab Close Out Policy**
 - Section 2.B. should state that it is the responsibility of the PI – Council endorses once this revision is made.

Dean's Report

- **SUNY-wide Strategic Planning Process**
 - Dean asked Council to think about the development of a plan for graduate education that will support the objectives of the University Strategic Plan.

- **Chapin Commons**
 - Dean went to opening – thought it was impressive.

- **International Services Move**
 - The Provost has finalized the details of ISS leaving the Graduate School and moving to International Academic Programs.
 - Effective date is July 1st, 2010.

- **Strategic Planning Meeting in NYC**
 - Graham Spanier, President of Penn State, visited the Manhattan campus to give suggestions for Stony Brook University's strategic planning process.

- **National Research Council**
 - Results of study should be available in the next few months.

- **Concerns with Journalism Fellows Program**
 - Working with Journalism to make their expectations clearer.

- **External Communications**
 - Mary Pearl is chairing this task force to come up with a more successful marketing plan for the University.
 - Stony Brook Foundation will pay if plan is sound.

- **Search for new VP for Advancement**
 - Lawrence Martin is chairing this search committee.
 - Solicited bids for head-hunting companies.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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