

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE October 18, 2010 MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

- PLACE:** Couper Administrative Building - Room148
- PRESIDING:** Nancy E. Stamp, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
- MEMBERS:** Jacques Beaumont Junghyun Cho, Carmen Ferradas, Robert Guay, Mark Fowler, Les Lander, Dina Maramba, Beverly Rainforth, Dawnie Steadman, Mary Muscari, Wesley Saavedra, Miriam Burnow
- EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Elizabeth Brown, Dara Silberstein, Lindsay Tremain, Steven Gilje
- EXCUSED:** Wendy Martinek
- ABSENT:** Debi Mishra, William Haver, William Heller, Wayne Jones, Tongshu Ma, Pamela Stewart Fahs, Max Pensky, Chuck Nelson, Thomas O'Brien, Brandon Gibb, Andrew Merriwether, Pamela Mischen

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Provost and Dean Nancy Stamp called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

II. MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 20, 2010 were approved as written.

III. DEMONSTRATION OF SCIVAL

Elizabeth Brown from Binghamton University Library Services gave a demonstration of a new product from Elsevier called SciVal. SciVal uses cluster analysis of citations to identify research foci. Through a variety of visualization tools, SciVal has the capability of tracking, evaluating and comparing research or researchers. SciVal can also identify areas of interdisciplinary research and allows the viewer to see how their peers stand in various disciplines.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Curriculum Committee

This Committee approved the following courses:

- Systems Science and Industrial Engineering/Watson School:
 - 1) SSIE 518 – Collective Dynamics of Complex Systems
 - 2) SSIE 633 Advanced Human Factors

- School of Education – SPED 5XX Instructional Approaches for Teaching Diverse Learners
- English Department – ENG 572B – American Radicalism

The motion was made to accept the courses and all were in favor.

Academic Standards Committee

This committee has not met.

Advisory Committee on Scholarship and Research

This committee has not met yet. Announcement: The Division of Research and the Graduate School are partnering for a brain-storming session about how to leverage training grants and obtain more of them. That meeting will be held Friday, October 22, 2010 at ITC and all are invited.

Budget Advisory Committee

This committee has not met.

Clark Fellowship Advisory Committee

This committee has not met.

Grievance Committee

This committee has not met.

Strategic Planning Committee

This committee has not met.

V. DEMONSTRATION OF ELECTRONIC GRADUATE ADMISSIONS SYSTEM

Dean Stamp discussed the advantages of going to an electronic graduate admissions decision system (e-Gad). This system allows for a quick turnaround time along with decreasing the workload that paper applications created. Other advantages are in keeping up with the University's "going green" and security policies. Computer Services (ITS) have been working with the Graduate School for two years to create an electronic admissions decision system that would work efficiently and effectively, which includes being compatible with Banner. The eGAD System is a comprehensive and sophisticated system. On September 15th, a "pilot" program was begun with three graduate departments on campus: Accounting, Electrical and Computer Engineering and Chemistry. The goal is to have all departments using this system for Fall 2011 applications.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on a motion by Professor Beaumont and seconded by Professor Guay.

Minutes recorded by Cheryl McGowan,
Secretary to the Vice Provost and Dean
of the Graduate School