

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE November 14, 2011 MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

- PLACE:** Couper Administrative Building - Room148
- PRESIDING:** Nancy E. Stamp, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
- MEMBERS:** Junghyun Cho, Laura Collins, Les Lander, Dina Maramba, Pamela Mischen, Chuck Nelson, Thomas O'Brien, Patrick Regan, Omowunmi Sadik, Steven Tammariello, Libby Tucker; Mohammed Younis, Cory Martin
- EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Elizabeth Brown, Florence Margai, Paul Parker
- EXCUSED:** Cheryl Fabrizi, Brandon Gibb, Stephen Gilje, Tongshu Ma, Benita Roth,
- ABSENT:** George Catalano, Carmen Ferradas, Wayne Jones, Nicholas Kaldis, Susan Lu, Debi Mishra, Mary Muscari,

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 October 17, 2011 were approved as written.

III. COMMITTEES

Academic Standards Committee

This committee met on Wednesday, November 9, 2011. The committee met to discuss the Philosophy, Interpretation & Culture (PIC) Program. This graduate program is out of compliance with registration with SUNY and NYSED; therefore, necessary steps have been taken by the Graduate School to ensure compliance.

The Graduate School's number one priority is the current students in PIC, which are about 40 graduate students. The current students will be "grandfathered in", meaning whatever was printed in the bulletin when they were first admitted, will be honored as the degree requirements. PIC faculty and students have been given FAQ's and guidelines about the "grandfathering". The Graduate School has met with the PIC leadership several times, along with student groups.

Prior to the year 2000, the Department of Philosophy offers a master's degree and a PhD, along with several different emphases within the department. The Philosophy Department decided to develop a track within the department called – SPEL (Social, Political, Ethical and Legal Philosophy), which was approved and registered with SUNY and NYSED. The Philosophy Department offers a MA in history of Philosophy and a PhD in PIC (Philosophy,

Interpretation & Culture). But overtime, both programs drifted out of compliance. PIC was notified in February 2011 of deficiencies, but did not respond.

SUNY and NYSED are clear in stating that if a program is out of compliance, the program cannot admit students, it cannot advertise its program, and its website must come down.

Suggestions were discussed about how PIC might evolve if it were to restructure the program and consider successful models on campus. It was also suggested that receivership should be considered to ensure that current students are cared for properly.

Advisory Committee on Scholarship and Research

This committee has not met.

Budget Advisory Committee

This committee will be meeting on Monday, November 21st at 3:00 p.m. to decide on Binghamton Foundation Travel Awards.

Curriculum Committee

The committee will be meeting on December 5th at 3:00 p.m.

Grievance Committee

This committee has not met.

Strategic Planning Committee

This committee has not met.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 on a motion by Professor O'Brien and seconded by Professor Lander.

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