BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE February 13, 2012 MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

PLACE: Couper Administrative Building - Room148

PRESIDING: Nancy E. Stamp, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School

MEMBERS: Laura Collins, Carmen Ferradas, Brandon Gibb, Susan Lu, Cory Martin, Pamela Mischen, Mary Muscari, Benita Roth, Omowunmi Sadik, Steven Tammariello, Libby Tucker

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Elizabeth Brown, Stephen Gilje, Florence Margai

EXCUSED: Nicholas Kaldis, Les Lander, Chuck Nelson, Thomas O’Brien, Patrick Regan, Mohammed Younis

ABSENT: George Catalano, Junghyun Cho, Wayne Jones, Tongshu Ma, Dina Maramba, Debi Mishra, Paul Parker

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 December 12, 2011 Graduate Council Meeting were approved as written.

III. COMMITTEES

Academic Standards Committee
This committee has not met.

Advisory Committee on Scholarship and Research
This committee met on January 9th to consider nominations for the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities.

Budget Advisory Committee
This committee has not met.

Curriculum Committee
This committee met on February 6th at 3:00 p.m. and approved the following courses/programs:

School of Education
LTRC 513 Language and Literacy Instruction for K-12 English
LTRC 520/SPED 520 Literacy Assessment and Instruction for Secondary Students

College of Community and Public Affairs
Combined Degree Program in Environmental Studies & Public Administration

Note: There is a minor change in the original proposal which has been corrected. The change is ECON 160 should have been listed as ECON 260.
Associate Dean Margai distributed guidelines for reviewing PhD proposals. Some of the issues for proposal review were the justification or rationale for the program and how it fits with the University’s mission and goals, the curriculum and the academic content of the program and comparing them to other institutions, and resources for the program.

The Curriculum Committee also began a review of a proposal from CCPA for a Ph.D. Program in Community and Public Affairs. An Executive summary of this proposal was given to Graduate Council for their initial review. Once the entire proposal is ready and the committee’s review complete, it will be brought to Graduate Council for review.

**Excellence Awards/Grievance Committee**
This committee has not met.

**Strategic Planning Committee**
This committee has not met.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Graduate Enrollment**

Dean Stamp gave a handout showing the comparison of graduate applications between this year and last year. She stated that part of the SUNY 2020 agreement with the governor of New York State is to increase enrollment. Dean Stamp stated that the Graduate School and ITS continue to tweak and improve the Electronic Graduate Admissions Decision System.

**President’s Visit**

President Harvey Stenger visited the Graduate School, and discussed goals, such as increasing the visibility of graduate education externally, continually aligning ourselves with best practices, and increasing graduate enrollment. The Graduate School also discussed its concerns, such as increasing stipend levels and the tuition scholarship fund. President Stenger is quite supportive of graduate education at Binghamton University.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 on a motion by Associate Vice President Gilje and seconded by Professor Ferradas.

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