CALL TO ORDER:

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of the May 7, 2012 Graduate Council Meeting were approved as written.

COMMITTEES

Academic Standards Committee This committee has not met.

Advisory Committee on Scholarship and Research

The committee met to discuss a conflict of interest and management plan to address it.

Budget Advisory Committee This committee has not met.

Clark Fellowship Committee This committee has not met.

Curriculum Committee

This committee met on September 17th and reviewed two course proposals: GEOL 560 and SW 548. GEOL 560: It was noted that all course prerequisites are undergraduate courses and not appropriate for the graduate level study. Amendment was introduced to change the prerequisite to permission by instructor. SW 548: no changes requested. GEOL 560 and SW 548 were approved by the Council.

Student Affairs Committee This committee has not met.

Strategic Planning Committee This committee met on September 17th, 2012. The committee discussed plans for participating in the President’s Road Map process.
IV. NEW BUSINESS

Dean Stamp introduced a new Graduate admissions application system called Embark. Dean Stamp explained the features and benefits of the system.

Dean Stamp put forth the motion: Graduate Council supports the request to administration for permission to raise the graduate application fee to $100. Tom O’Brien seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Council. Thirteen in favor, none disapproving.

Dean Stamp initiated discussion of the President’s Roadmap process. Dean Stamp provided an introduction to the process and explanation of the nine teams. Dean Stamp asked for Council members who are on Roadmap committees to give a brief overview to the Council.

Subimal Chatterjee, Rankings and Reputation Committee.
- Developing the mission and vision statement for their team.
- Graduate School will be included in development of the plans regarding the overall reputation of the University.
- Need to address the confusion between Binghamton University and SUNY.
- Evaluate and define Value versus Cheap. Access and excellence, how does the Graduate School play a part?
- Addressing the concept of the Premier Public University, should the comparison and definition of Premier include private universities?
- US News and World report; data submitted by University should be evaluated by a broader group.
- Smart Energy holds potential for Graduate School to be considered in the new programs.
- Media, Branding and Competitive Analysis are the subcommittees, a Graduate student is on a committee but there are more undergraduate committee members.

Paul Parker, Research and Creative Activities Committee.
- Developing the mission and vision but committee is eager to move to initiatives.
- Committee will increase focus on the student and begin to include the Graduate School in discussions.
- Focus will be on research component that is the backbone of BU.
- The committee has no Graduate student representatives, only undergraduate.

Florence Margai, Student Success Committee.
- Has 6 subcommittees, 3 focused on undergraduate and 3 focused on graduate programs.
- Developed the Five E’s: expert, ethical, engaged in community, employable, enlightened.
- Binghamton graduates will be tolerant, rational, progressive.
- Will define what the institution can provide as the premier public university, what will the process be to get the student to these outcomes?

Libby Tucker, Global Engagement Committee.
- Focus is on visiting scholars in the graduate community, masters and doctoral candidates.
- Many visit from other countries.
- Considering other programs as models: specifically NYU’s full fledged program in Dubai. BU could develop a program to increase faculty work abroad.
- Doing research on BU trips abroad historically.

Tom O’Brien, Advancing Learning Committee.
- Goals include not working against themselves and other committees by meeting frequently and meeting with other committees.
• There teams need to come together for a final mission and vision. Committees need to be prepared to evaluate how to use the new income.

Dean Stamp asked how Graduate Council wanted to proceed. It was suggested that the draft memo be sent to the Roadmap team co-chairs with the suggestion that it be posted to the Roadmap Base Camp on line system.

V. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 after motion by S. Gilge and seconded by T. O’Brien.

Minutes recorded by Kathleen Hart,
Secretary to the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School