MINUTES OF THE October 21, 2013 MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

PLACE: Couper Administrative Building - Room148

PRESIDING: Susan Strehle, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School

MEMBERS: David Bartine, Karen Bromley, Subimal Chatterjee, Shelley Dionne, Norah Henry, Gerald Kutcher, Adam Laats, Kristina Lambright, Kenneth McLeod, Chuck Nelson, Sara Reiter, Omowunmi Sadik, Pam Smart, Steven Tammariello, Libby Tucker

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Elizabeth Brown, Sara Lam, Paul Parker

GUESTS: Andy Merriwether and Nina Versaggi - Anthropology

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Serdar Atav, Cassandra Bransford, George Catalano, Mary Beth Curtis, Peter Fiduccia, Samantha Fox, Nicholas Kaldis, Susan Lu, Benita Roth, Kelly Wemette, Linda Wong, Mohammad Younis

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Dean Susan Strehle called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

II. MINUTES

A question was raised regarding the September meeting minutes and the information regarding the proportionality of graduate students. Compared to most research-intensive doctoral-granting universities, Binghamton has more PhD students and fewer master’s students. Otherwise, the minutes of the September 23, 2013 Graduate Council Meeting were approved as written.

III. COMMITTEES

**Academic Standards Committee** The committee has not yet met.

**Advisory Committee for Scholarship and Research** The committee has met a few times this semester. They have been considering ICG proposals, and ACSR has also been charged with considering all of the proposals coming in through the TAE’s. The proposal deadline just passed a week ago.

**Budget Advisory Committee** This committee has not met.

**Clark Fellowship Committee** This committee has not met.

**Curriculum Committee** The committee met on October 14, 2013. Four proposals were presented with the committee’s endorsement.

The first is the combined B.A. & M.A. program in Sociology. This allows senior undergraduates to take three graduate courses, one during the first semester and two during the second semester, and then to finish the main graduate work during the fifth year. This proposal follows the format of most of the 4/1 and 3/2 proposals that have been approved. It came moved and seconded by the curriculum committee, and it passed with a unanimous vote.
The second is a proposal to revise the graduate certificate in Forensic Health, submitted by the Decker School of Nursing. Since the initiation of this certificate, two additional forensic courses have been offered. One is N581J Forensic Pediatrics and the other is N581E Medicolegal Death Investigation. The current requirements are any three 3 credit graduate courses in forensic health for a total of 9 credits; the proposed new requirements are to have all students complete N581G – Forensic Health of Victims, plus any two other forensic courses. This is a minor revision; it does not need to go to Albany. Moved and seconded by the curriculum committee, it passed with a unanimous vote.

The third, a dual-degree proposal, joins the Master of Science in Community Health Nursing from our campus with the Master of Public Health in Public Health Practice, offered entirely online by SUNY Albany. Both degrees will count courses in the other program as meeting their own requirements, and a total of 66 credit hours are required. Nationally there are at least 12 dual degree programs between accredited schools of public health and accredited schools of nursing, including University of Maryland, Columbia, Johns Hopkins, etc. The proposal passed with a unanimous vote.

The final proposal revises the existing MA program in Anthropology, adding a new track in Public Archaeology. This track will require 12 more credits than the existing MA and follow a more structured curriculum. One additional faculty line, a graduate assistant, and some library funds are requested to support the new program, which came in as a GGI (graduate growth initiative) proposal. The dean and the provost have agreed to add the funding for this program. The current program has been turning down 2 to 3 applicants for public archaeology per year, because they haven’t had the faculty to develop the program. The proposal, moved and seconded by the curriculum committee, passed with a unanimous vote.

**Student Affairs Committee** This committee has not met.

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

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

Student support is going to be allocated soon to the deans of each of the colleges. They will get a single pool of money that will include not only stipend and tuition dollars but also tuition dollars to cover grant-funded RPAs. After this year, when a faculty member gets a grant, they will go to their dean for tuition to cover the student. Each dean will receive an amount that is slightly larger than what was spent in the school this year. The dean will have the power and authority to divide that funding up however they see fit. Each dean is given an enrollment target which is linked to the allocation of resources. The future allocation will depend on the unit’s meeting the enrollment targets. Diligent care needs to be taken when dealing with stipends/workloads/tuition, so that GSEU members are not in a position to file grievances. The application for fall 2014 is open, and the graduate school will do all it can to increase the number and quality of applicants.

### V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 after a motion by Norah Henry and seconded by Pam Smart.

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Minutes recorded by Melissa Spencer,
Secretary to the Vice Provost and Dean
of the Graduate School