BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE February 16, 2015 MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

PLACE: Couper Administration Building - Room148

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

MEMBERS: Serdar Atav, Subimal Chatterjee, Shelley Dionne, Mark Fowler, Fernando Guzman, Kevin Hatch, Norah Henry, Adam Laats, Ricardo Laremont, Michael Lewis, Elizabeth Mellin, Rosmarie Morewedge, Sara Reiter, Daryl Santos,

GSO: Alison Coombs, Jason Gallia, Jiarui Han, Patrick Milano,

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Susannah Gal, Sarah Lam, Mary Beth Curtin

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Jenny Gordon, Matthew Johnson, Gerald Kutcher, Kristina Lambright, Patrick Madden, Chuck Nelson, Paul Parker, Pam Smart, Linda Wong

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Dean Susan Strehle called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

II. MINUTES

The minutes from the December 8, 2014 Graduate Council meeting were approved as written.

III. COMMITTEES

Academic Standards Committee This committee has not met.

Advisory Committee for Scholarship and Research This committee met on February 5, 2015. The allotment of GA positions was finalized. Nine GAs were awarded to 6 of the centers; next year other centers will be encouraged to apply for GA support. The ACSR committee is reviewing the Interdisciplinary Collaboration Grants Program, which is funded by the Division of Research and separated out from the TAE seed-grant program. All organized research centers and institutes for advanced study have submitted their annual reports, and ACSR will be reviewing those through May. There will be a lead reviewer and two secondary reviewers to try to improve the process and give more valuable feedback to the directors. IASH and the Institute for Intergenerational Studies are scheduled for external reviews this spring. The deadline for proposals for new organized research centers will occur in March, involving funding over 3 years to help a new center become established. ACSR will review applications over the next few months.

Budget Advisory Committee This committee has not met.

Clark Advisory Committee This committee met on February 13, 2015. Five offers have been made. The committee will meet again on March 13 to review nominations that are submitted by the March 1 deadline. We anticipate somewhere between 12 to 15 total Clark Fellowship awards for 2015.

Curriculum Committee This committee met on February 9, 2015 and considered a new MA/MS program proposal for Sustainable Communities. The program was developed in collaboration between public administration, geography, and environmental studies. A group of faculty from these three programs met frequently over the past year to develop the proposal; two outside evaluators approved by SUNY were brought in to review the proposal. One reviewer came from the University of South Florida, a geographer who works on water resources; the other worked for the EPA for years before he joined American University as a policy faculty member. The evaluators gave very positive reviews of the program proposal; they also made suggestions for improvement, and adjustments were made based on their input. Students who complete this program will have many opportunities for employment. As a full proposal to establish a new program, the document will go through the EPPC, the FSEC, and the faculty senate. If approved, it will then go to SUNY and then to the NY State
Education Department. A motion to approve was initiated by Ricardo Laremont and seconded by Subimal Chatterjee. The proposal was approved unanimously.

Economics submitted five permanent course proposals, a result of the expansion of the MA program. All of the 500 level courses are required courses for the MA program. The 603 course is a one credit review and 670 was previously a topics course for which they now request a formal course number. No questions were raised and the courses were approved.

The next item was AAAS 532 Women and Korean History. The request was generated by the demand for more graduate level courses for their MA students, and the course will be cross listed with AAAS 432. No questions were raised and the course was approved.

The final set of course proposals came from the Psychology Department; PSYCH 514, 515, and 516. All are 2 credit courses. They anticipate offering 8 to 9 core courses permitting students to select at least 6, allowing them to explore major research domains within the discipline. The last one is PSYCH 603 which is a 2 credit seminar course, allowing the program to address contemporary topics in cognition from the perspective of brain function. No questions were raised and the courses were approved.

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

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

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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