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

MINUTES
The minutes from the May 5, 2014 Graduate Council meeting were approved as written.

COMMITTEES

Academic Standards Committee This committee has not met.

Advisory Committee for Scholarship and Research This committee has not met.

Budget Advisory Committee This committee has not met.

Clark Fellowship Committee This committee has not met.

Curriculum Committee The committee met on September 15, 2014. There were 6 permanent course proposals submitted for the romance languages and literatures department: SPAN 506; 507; 508; 553; 586; 587. All courses are 2 credit courses offered for their proposed teaching professional development program. They are for Spanish instructors who already have their master's degree but want and need professional development credits. The plan is to offer 3 to 4 courses each summer. Comments regarding enrollments and BT Boces coordination were addressed. Some teachers can receive support for the cost of professional development, and this may increase teachers’ desire and ability to enroll. No questions were raised and all 6 courses were approved.

The next two course proposals came from the bioengineering department – BME 580, special topics course. It is a 3 credit topics course that will provide both depth and breadth in specialized subjects in biomedical engineering. The BME 690 course is a seminar format, 1 credit course, to broaden students’ intellectual perspectives and allow them to practice their scientific communication skills. No questions were raised and both courses were approved.

The next item was a new course proposal for EECE 505, BioMEMS and Bioelectronics. It links engineering principles to biology, medicine, health and bioenergy. It has been run as an experimental course and primarily focuses on the electronics side; it is a 3 credit course. No questions were raised and the course was approved.
The electrical engineering proposal for a revised 4 + 1 program was discussed next. Two sets of changes were included. The first involves updating the program, which was first registered in 1995; since then, several courses have updated material, changed emphasis, and revised course titles. Revisions occurred both in and out of the EEC department. They have also added new seminars allowing students to have research experience with direct faculty supervision. The second part of the changes include adding a project option for the 4 + 1 program. Completing a project provides practical application for theoretical knowledge, and it helps students prepare for the job market. The proposal was voted on and passed unanimously.

The mathematical sciences department proposed to add a new track in Applied Statistics. Statistical expertise is needed everywhere, including health sciences and smart energy, and will be needed in the planned Pharmacy School. The proposal is for a terminal professional degree that requires 10 courses for a total of 40 credits plus 2 credits of math 540 and math 541, (capstone seminars 1 and 2), allowing students to improve their communication skills. No cumulative master’s exam or thesis is required. There will be a huge demand in this field, requiring the new track. There was a discussion regarding software licensing and availability and a request to make the new VP of Operations, JoAnne Navarro, aware that this new program is coming and that site-licensing will be needed. This proposal passed with a unanimous vote.

The final proposal was for a combined degree between Philosophy and Public Administration, offering a BA in philosophy and an MPA in a total of 5 years, with 20 graduate credit hours being double counted for both degrees. It follows the same format as all of the other dual bachelor’s + MPA programs. The proposal passed with a unanimous vote.

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

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

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

Letters of intent for Teaching English to Speakers of Other Language (TESOL) were presented. One is for teachers who will be certified as teachers within the United States and the other for students who want a master’s with no teaching certification. The programs are close to identical. The students will take the same course work, but those that are being certified go through several additional steps due to the regulations of NYS. Discussion surrounded SUNY Korea and the possibility of partnering with them on various programs. Dean Strehle will speak with Hoe Kyeung Kim regarding this. The other Letter of Intent is for the Africana Studies program. A question was raised regarding consultation from the psychology department for the mental health aspect of their proposal. Dean Strehle will follow up on this.

Graduate enrollments are up by more than 215 over this same time last year. Enrollments are at 3,274, and our prediction is that it will go up with non-matriculated to 3,360. Last year at this time it was 3,056.

New additions to the graduate school include Ben Balkaya who replaces Alex Popovski, and two new recruiters. Justin Pierce is our new domestic recruiter and Kristin Blake is our new international recruiter.

### V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05.

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