

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

THE GRADUATE COUNCIL- MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2023

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- PLACE:** Zoom / Couper Administration, AD-148
- PRESIDING:** Gretchen Mahler, Interim Dean of the Graduate School
- MEMBERS:** Christopher Bartlette, Nicole Rouhana, Hiroki Sayama, Yetrib Hathout Yvonne Johnston, Jeroen Gerritis, Ann Fronczek, Patrick Madden, Jeremy Blackburn, Jeff Pietras, Pamela Stewart Fahs, Andreas Pape, Joshua Reno, Suzanne McLeod, Bogum Yoon, Nicole Fenty
- EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Junghyun Cho, Kristina Marty, Jillian Sandy, Michael Jacobson
- EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Ellen Tilden, Paul Chiarot, Danielle Dunne, KarenBeth Bohan, Norah Henry, Nathan Tumey, Niyazi Bodu, Carl Lipo, Rory Eckardt, Scott Craver, Yongabi Ngoh, Thomas Powell, GSO President

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Dean Mahler called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

II. Minutes from the November 28, 2022 meeting

The minutes from the November 28, 2022 meeting were approved as written. Yvonne Johnston made the motion and Nicole Rouhanna second the motion. All in favor to approve the minutes and none opposed.

III. Committees

Academic Standards Committee – The committee met on February 6, 2023

- Committee is working on Graduate handbook templet for the programs
- Grad Council feedback is needed so we can vote on and approve the template at the March meeting
- What the relationship between the bulletin and handbook
 - Anything that is in the handbook should agree with the bulletin

- The handbook should provide additional information that would not be in the bulletin due to space limitations
 - How to find an advisor
 - Student feel like they cannot change advisors
 - Procedures for academic performance
- Added a section about felony convictions
- Re-add the conditional admit section
- Suggested duties for both advisor and advisee
- Graduate director meets with student to view their progress
- DegreeWorks also tracks student's progress
- Grievance policy
- Employment policy
- University resources
- Academic honesty should be in the handbook
- Should students have to sign that they received handbook
- Should handbook be on the website
- Encourage available publicly use as recruitment tool
- ChatGPT in graduate education

Diversity Committee - The committee met on February 13, 2023

- Update on Clark Fellowships

Professional Development Committee - The committee met on February 22, 2023

- Consultant update/ language consultants
 - TRIP can no longer offer existing 1 credit classes to help graduate students to prepare for the second language exams
 - The Graduate School would provide the TRIP service through workshops by paying the graduate students hourly, through the Grad Academic Consulting funds for one year until find a more permit solution starting the fall
 - German, French and Spanish on a rotating basis
- Graduate student retention discussion
 - Academic filtering
 - Proposed policies
 - Adjusting withdrawal workflow to go Graduate Directors before going to the Graduate School *tuition liability depends on the time (Can it be based on time it is filed?)
 - Motion to change the workflow Josh Reno made the motion and Yvonne Johnston second the motion. All in favor of the change and none opposed.

- Request time away from program
- B-successful program
- Departmental self-analysis
- Promote GCOS mental health workshops
- CARE team
- Data available (Nasrin)

Budget and Grievance Committee – This committee has not met yet.

IV. New Business

- Master's vs. Doctoral pay scale- Dr. Mahler asked if we could discuss at the beginning of next meeting because of time

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Yvonne Johnston made the motion and Bogum Yoon second the motion. All in favor to adjourn the meeting and none opposed.

Minutes recorded by Nicole Smith
Administrative Assistant to the Dean