GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
March 7, 2008

Present: Jon Raskin (Presiding Officer), Barbara Chorzempa, Francois Deschamps-representing Anat Shiftan, Elizabeth Hester, Dan Kempton, Jan McLaurin, Gweneth Lloyd, Debra Miller, Bernadette Morris, Judith Rance-Roney, Narcyz Roztocki

Excused Absences: Karen Bell and Laurel Garrick Duhaney

Guest: Vika Shock

The meeting was called to order in HAB 802 at 1:00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Revisions to the minutes for November 30, 2007 were proposed and approved as follows: For new courses, the course description must be the same as the catalog description and must conform to the standard format.

2. The minutes for February 8, 2008 were approved with no changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Information Items:
   a. All agreed that the Graduate School Open House went well and was well attended.
   b. NCATE will be on campus on April 13, 14, and 15. A meeting with the Graduate Council will likely be scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Graduate Students Association
   Graduate students are continuing to move forward on the Association. They developed a letter to the Chairs and Deans requesting support for establishing an association for graduate students that was separate from the undergraduate-dominant SA. This was discussed as a preferable option because of the differing needs of graduate students. The students did research on other colleges and universities in New York to see where their GSA was housed. The university centers had GSAs separate from the undergraduate governance system. Comprehensive colleges did not. SUNY New Paltz could be known as a trailblazer in this effort.

2. Course: Clinical Methods in SLP II (Course number CMD 599) was approved with minor comments; (1) L. Duhaney noted that the form used was different from standard
and that clarification on the type of facilities needed was sought. (2) Course grading should be changed to “S” for satisfactory and “F” for unsatisfactory work. (3) A request was made by the Council to correct the typos in the document. B. Chorzempa requested some clarification from the Graduate School on the official updated and current Course Proposal form. Several versions are in circulation.

3. Course: Disaster Mental Health (Psy 567) was approved. Positive comments on the quality of the course and the potential utility for School of Education students were discussed.

4. Continuing Registration of Students to Complete Comprehensive Exam was tabled until L. Duhaney is in attendance. Discussion centered on (1) the need to track students more effectively, potentially through registration with a continuing credit; (2) the potential that one semester could be offered without fees with subsequent semesters requiring a one-credit registration.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Request: Educational Studies Certificate – The council was asked to read and review prior to the next meeting. This is not a degree program. Discussion centered on the need for Council approval and the existence of a standard definition of “certificate.” Does NY State need to approve this level of program? What paper certificate will be issued? What will be recorded on the transcript?

2. Course Approval: Issues in Multicultural Education (EDS 537) was approved as an online course. Discussion centered on the nature of blended courses (hybrid online and on campus) and the protocol for blended course approval.

3. Minor Course Changes in Business: Council approved the minor course changes in the following courses:

   BUS502 Internship Practicum
   BUS511 Management Accounting
   BUS520 Managing Operations and Information Technology
   BUS525 Quantitative Methods for Business Research
   BUS526 Global Business
   BUS528 Marketing Management
   BUS529 Accounting - Financial Reporting and Control
   BUS535 Financial Markets and Institutions
   BUS536 Corporate Financial Management
   BUS537 Options and Futures
   BUS538 Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management
   BUS539 Personal Financial Planning
   BUS546 International Financial Management
   BUS547 International Marketing
BUS555 Marketing Research
BUS557 Integrated Marketing Communications
BUS558 Consumer Behavior
BUS564 Staffing Organizations
BUS565 Training and Development
BUS566 Organizational Change and Development
BUS567 Human Resource Management
BUS568 Organizational Behavior
BUS569 Leadership and Management in a Changing World
BUS581 Accounting Information Systems
BUS583 Advanced Auditing
BUS585 Accounting Theory
BUS586 Advanced Concepts in Federal Income Taxation
BUS589 Cases in Strategic Management
BUS594 Fieldwork in Business
BUS595 Independent Study Business

4. Review Request for Course Approval: The Council was asked to review the new course: Entrepreneurship and Business Planning (BUS 587) for the next Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Rance-Roney