

**GRADUATE COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
April 15, 2005**

Present: A. Dos Reis, M. Roehm, P. Atkins, P. Edwards (Chair), L. Garrick Duhaney (Dean), M. Guiry, J. McLaurin, D. Miller, J. Raskin, M. Muffs (secretary)

Presiding: Professor Peter Edwards  
Presiding Officer  
Graduate Council

The meeting was called to order in HAB 802 at 2:00 p.m.

1. The minutes of the meeting of March 11, 2005 were approved.

2. Announcements

Professor Roehm announced a variety of shows that were being held in the Fine Arts building.

Professor Anne Balant from Communication Disorders has requested that the Audiology concentration be deactivated because, as of January 1, 2007 the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) will require a clinical doctorate for certification in Audiology.

Professor Eleanor Richards, chair of the Nursing Department, requested advertising support for a newly revised graduate program in Clinical Nurse Specialist Adult Health. The request falls within Graduate Council guidelines and was approved.

Professor Roehm requested support to attend the NCECA 2005 conference.

The 2004-2005 Graduate Student Research and Creative Projects were reviewed. Students in Fine and Performing Arts, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the School of Education submitted a total of nineteen research and creative projects. Of the nineteen graduate students, fifteen received awards.

Dean Laurel Garrick Duhaney distributed the feedback from the sub-committee on the eight courses submitted by Elementary Education. There were no concerns concerning six of the proposals; however, there were several concerns regarding two course proposals that the authors will be asked to address.

The Graduate Council discussed the research proposal submitted to the Institutional Review Board by Shelley Baldwin-Nye, an external reviewer, who wishes to conduct research utilizing SUNY New Paltz graduate students in the Educational Administration program. The Council voted to recommend approval of Baldwin-Nye's research proposal to the Provost. The Council also recommended that Michael Muffs discuss this issue with the Department of Educational Administration to ensure that the faculty understand that it is their choice regarding whether or not to grant the researcher access to their classes.

Dean Garrick Duhaney distributed the following six new program proposals that are scheduled for discussion at our next meeting:

- Master of Science in Education in Early Childhood Special Education
- Master of Science in Education in Childhood Special Education Grades 1-6 and certification in Literacy Education Birth-6
- Master of Science in Education in Adolescence Special Education Grades 7-12 and certification in Literacy Education Grades 5-12

- Master of Science in Education in Literacy Education Birth-6 and certification in Special Education Childhood Grades 1-6
- Master of Science in Education in Literacy Education Grades 5-12 and certification in Special Education Adolescence Grades 7-12
- Certificate of Advanced Study Clinical Nurse Specialist Adult Health

The Graduate Council discussed several issues regarding the Master of Science in Education in Music Therapy program. The proposal has been returned to faculty for them to address the issues raised by Council members.

The Graduate Council noted the importance of frequently monitoring faculty ratios as the quality of training for candidates in specialized areas needs to be of the highest quality since graduates assume important positions in their communities upon program completion.

The Graduate Council questioned whether or not a matriculated candidate could be excluded from a graduate program if he or she does not enroll during the first semester following matriculation. It was determined that decisions are to be made on a program-to-program basis.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Muffs, Secretary