

## **Graduate Council Minutes**

**April 25, 2008**

**Present:** Jon Raskin (Presiding Officer), Barbara Chorzempa, Elizabeth Hester, Dan Kempton, Gweneth Lloyd, Bernadette Morris, Judith Rance-Roney, Karen Bell, Narcyz Roztocki, Anat Shiftan

**Excused Absence:** Laurel Garrick Duhaney

**Guests:** Nancy Schniedewind, Vika Shock, Kierstin Egge, Mert Saninar

The meeting was called to order in Coykendall Science Building, Room CSB 110 at 1:00 pm.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of April 18, 2008 were approved.

### **Announcements**

Graduate Commencement is Friday, May 16, 2008  
Line up is at 5:00 p.m. at the entrance to Elting Gymnasium  
Ceremony is at 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Athletics and Wellness Center  
Reception is at 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the McKenna Theatre Lobby

On May 9, 2008, School of Education is planning to visit the Museum of Natural History in New York City.

Applications for August graduation are due on Wednesday, April 30, 2008.

### **Old Business**

#### **Approval of the following:**

**New Multicultural Education Program - Dept. of Ed. Studies - approved**

Nancy Schniedewind was invited to discuss the proposal with the Council.

Program electives

-the list of electives will be consolidated and include both theoretical and practical courses

Capstone Course EDS7xx “Applied Practice in Multicultural/Social Justice Education”

-the course proposal will be developed and submitted after the proposal gets approved

Courses from other departments

-the instructors in other departments were contacted and voiced their support for the new program

The new Multicultural Education Program (Dept. of Ed. Studies) was unanimously approved with administrative procedure to be developed.

**New Courses:**

ARS578 – Artist Survival Skills - **approved**

ARS579 – Contemporary Ideas in Sculpture - **approved**

**Revision to Existing Course:**

CMD530 – Practicum in Speech-Language Pathology in the Schools –was tabled

**Graduate Students Association**

Kierstin Egge and Mert Saninar, both graduate students at SUNY New Paltz, attended the meeting. Approximately 20 percent of the total student population at SUNY New Paltz is graduate students. A separate graduate student association may better serve this student population. For example, graduate research activities could be better supported. This may, in turn, benefit the whole college as it helps to attract high caliber students and faculty.

**Policy for Continued Registration for Non-Completers of Comprehensive Exam**

The following policy was for discussion and approval:

- i. Students whose graduate program coordinator or chairperson approves their requests for a semester to prepare for their comprehensive exam must register for a zero credit (no fee) workshop in the semester immediately following the completion of their coursework.
- ii. Students who have completed their coursework and have the comprehensive exam remaining must register for a one credit continued registration course each subsequent semester until they pass the comprehensive exam or maximize the 7-year years allowed for the completion of their degree. There will be no extensions beyond this 7-year time limit.

Several issues were discussed. The Council pointed out the importance of the proposed policy and suggested that the issue should be discussed at the next meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Narczyz Roztocki