GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 13, 2004

Present: M. Guiry, J. Raskin, A. Dos Reis, D. Miller, K. Bell, P. Freeman, M. Garatti, M. Roehm, P. Edwards (Chair), J. McLaurin, M. Muffs

Presiding: Phyllis R. Freeman
Dean of the Graduate School

1. The meeting was called to order in HAB 703 at 2:00 p.m.

2. The minutes of the meeting of January 30, 2004 were approved unanimously.

3. Announcements
   a. Professor Edwards reviewed the presentation made by Professor Schniedewind at our Dec 5, 2003 meeting. He read part of a statement by Professor Schniedewind that restated her requests to the Graduate Council. It was determined by the Graduate Council that no violation of faculty governance occurred in so far as the assigning of faculty lines to Educational Studies. Dean Freeman reviewed the process for the allocation of resources for faculty lines at the college. In addition, members felt that the Graduate Council should receive a response from the Education Council regarding the issue prior to any further discussion at Council. Professor Edwards will report back to Professor Schniedewind that the usual process was followed, appropriately, for the allocation of resources for lines and Departments can reapply in subsequent fiscal years for additional resources.
   b. Dean Freeman circulated a posting for an internal search for a new Associate/ Provost/Graduate Dean at the college.
   c. A draft proposal regarding an S/U option for graduate students was distributed. Motion: Graduate students who take an undergraduate class outside of their disciplinary area, may petition the Dean of the Graduate School for the S/U option for the class. This option only will be granted once for any graduate student. Motion to approve passed.

4. Old Business
   a. Withdrawal from College/Graduate School
      A discussion regarding students who had passed the statute of limitations and were still on record with the Registrar ensued. Registrar Miller reported that any student who had not been registered since 1995 had been withdrawn. A motion was made that: 
      “Any graduate student who has not registered for a course within a nine (9) year time frame will be administratively withdrawn from the Graduate School and must reapply to matriculate”

      Motion by Professor Muffs and seconded by Professor Raskin. Motion unanimously approved.
b. The subcommittee on academic standing looked at the grading system presently found at SUNY New Paltz and other institutions. Professor Edwards reported on behalf of his Subcommittee on Academic Standings, that several different systems are in place at universities in the US and he distributed a document that reviewed eight (8) different forms of grading. Dean Freeman distributed a potential draft of an undergraduate proposal for grading that will be presented to the Council of Deans based on student learning outcomes and Bloom’s Taxonomy of the Cognitive Domain. The Graduate Council will revisit this topic.

5. New Business

Time did not allow for new business and at the next meeting, the Graduate Council would discuss admission deferrals and continuing registration.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Muffs, Secretary