

Graduate Council Minutes - 2/16/01

Present: P. Atkins, A. Balant, J. Bennett, D. Freedman, M., E. Richards, H.R.Stoneback

Guests: C. Bacon, K. Parmley

Presiding: Phyllis Freeman, Dean of the Graduate School

The meeting was called to order in HAB 802 at 11:00 AM

1. The minutes of the meeting of February 2, 2001 were approved unanimously.
2. Announcements
 - a. The minutes of the meetings of the Graduate Council are posted at www.newpaltz.edu/graduate/council.html. Members of the Graduate Council will continue to receive hard copies of the Minutes via campus mail.
3. New Business
 - a. In view of the time constraints of the visitors, the Council agreed to proceed with "new business" first.
 - b. The Council members and the visitors from Institutional Research discussed the requirements of accrediting agencies, including Middle States, and the data collection required to maintain those accreditations. K. Parmley clarified the potential role of Institutional Research in supporting data collection efforts, including assistance in the construction and administration of surveys. Council members noted that different programs vary in the degree to which the survey data must be quantitative, and in the type of data that are required. The possibility of electronic surveys was discussed. C. Bacon described the database that is currently used and offered to provide information on the kinds of data that it can provide. The Council agreed to form a subcommittee on outcomes assessment. One of the goals of this committee will be to ensure that data needed by programs is obtained, where possible, in a uniform manner, minimizing the number of disparate requests for similar information about different programs.
4. Old Business
 - a. Several courses were discussed following receipt of comments from the course approval subcommittee. The following courses were approved pending minor corrections:
 - 39722 Learning Environments for Adolescent Learners with Disabilities
 - 39702 Teaching Math, Science, and Technology in Inclusive Classrooms
 - 397XX Literacy and Social Sciences Instruction for Adolescent Learners with Disabilities (a course number must still be assigned by the Department).
 - 36748 Teaching Literature in the High School
 - 36551 Field Experience 1

- b. The course, 397XX Practicum in Adolescent Education was returned to the proposer for minor corrections and for clarification of the nature of the "data collection" assignment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne C. Balant, Secretary