

Graduate Council Minutes - 2/28/03

Present: P. Atkins, A. Balant, P. Edwards, P. Freeman, M. Garratti, M. Guiry, J. Hammond, J. McLaurin, J. Raskin and S. Vinson

Presiding: Phyllis Freeman, Dean of the Graduate School

The meeting was called to order in HAB 703 at 2:05 p.m.

1. The minutes of the meeting of February 14, 2003 were approved unanimously.
2. Announcements
 - a. The name change of the Painting MFA Program to Painting/Drawing has been approved.
 - b. Graduate School tuition will increase next year. The amount of the increase has not been determined. The increase will either be \$1200 which is the same dollar amount as the planned increase in Undergraduate tuition or it will increase by 35 percent which is the same percentage amount as the planned increase in undergraduate tuition. New Paltz will owe money to SUNY, if enrollment levels drop as a result of the tuition hike and it does not reach its enrollment target.
 - c. University Centers can now offer Master's programs. The impact on the Comprehensive colleges will be a concern.
3. Old Business
 - a. Biotechnology, 15562 was approved, pending SEIs, by the New Course Proposals Subcommittee.
 - b. Six program proposals have been received from Special Education. One proposed change is to decrease the number of credits that graduate students will have to take by eliminating the required 3 credit elective category, entitled, Current Issues for Teaching Learners with Disabilities. The justification for doing so is repetition of course content, the change is in line with the accrediting body, and the quality of the programs will not be changed. This change would occur in four of the programs: Adolescence Special Education for candidates entering with initial certification in adolescence education or adolescence special education and Childhood Special Education for candidates entering with initial certification in childhood education or childhood special education. For the other two programs, the proposal is to add a number of initial certifications to those that are currently accepted for entry into the Master's Program in Childhood Special Education and the Master's Program in Adolescent Special Education.
 - c. Council would like to invite someone from Special Ed to discuss the changes. Also a number of editorial changes and corrections, noted by Council, need to be made to the proposals.
4. New Business

- a. A. Balant indicated that attendance at the Assessment information session meetings has been poor. She encouraged the faculty to give feedback to the Steering Committee on Assessment.
- b. P. Freeman suggested that Council should have a discussion about the set of articles given out at the last meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Guiry, Secretary