Graduate Council Minutes - 3/15/02

Present: P. Atkins, A. Balant, P. Freeman, M. Guiry, J. Hammond, M. Lodge, J. Raskin and R. Rudnitski

Presiding: Phyllis Freeman, Dean of the Graduate School

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

1. The minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2002 were approved unanimously.

2. Announcements
   - The March 29 meeting has been cancelled because it falls on Good Friday.
   - The meetings of April 12 and April 26 need to be moved to a new room since HAB 802 has been reserved by another University committee during Graduate Council's scheduled meeting time on those dates.
   - Interviews for the Assistant to the Dean of the Graduate School position have began this week. The top three candidates will be rank ordered and their names will be forwarded to P. Freeman by the end of next week or the beginning of the following week. Once P. Freeman receives the candidates' names she will interview each candidate.
   - State Education asked the Psychology Department to respond to four issues in the proposal for the M.A. 48-hour Psychology Counseling program. The responses are now in the hands of the Provost. He will send the responses to Dr. Rossetti.
   - On March 18, the Professional Practice Law will be voted on by the New York State Assembly. It already has passed the NYS Senate and is expected to become law.

3. Old Business
   a. M. Wade-Lewis has responded to concerns about the proposal for course, 17598, Black Women's Literature.
      i. The title of the course has been changed to Contemporary Black Women's Literature.
      ii. The percentage breakdown (weighting) of the course components used to determine students' course grades needs to be added to the syllabus
      iii. The course number has to be changed since it should not have a XX598 designation.
      iv. The course was approved unanimously, subject to the above changes being made.
   b. P. Freeman handed out a draft of the revised Bylaws and asked Council members for feedback.
c. A change was made to the grant package for the Research and Creative Projects Award. Item #5, i.e., "Specific Plans for Disseminating the Work of the Project" was changed to "Methodology and Specific Plans for Disseminating the Work of the Project."

d. M. Guiry will address an issue pertaining to the criteria used to evaluate two types of proposals, i.e., 1) to attend a conference to present the results of research and 2) to undertake research. Currently, the same criteria are used to evaluate both types of proposals.

e. L. Bell was not able to give a report on GOPW credits since she is presenting a paper at a conference today.

f. A. Balant was not able to give a report on Assessment since she had to leave the current meeting to attend another meeting on campus.

g. C. Easwaran cannot attend Graduate Council meetings the rest of the semester since he has meetings with students, involved in research projects, during this time period. A brief discussion ensued regarding the development of guidelines for replacing Council members who fail to regularly attend meetings, become incapacitated during their term, or decide to stop attendance at meetings due to other commitments.

4. New Business

   . P. Freeman showed Council members, in attendance, an 8 minute Powerpoint presentation she created, entitled "Why Go to Graduate School?" During the presentation Council members offered feedback for improving the presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Guiry, Secretary