

# Graduate Council Minutes - 3/30/01

**Present:** P. Atkins, A. Balant, J. Bennett, D. Freedman, M. Guiry, J. Hammond, M. Lodge, J. McLaurin, E. Richards, R. Rudnitski

**Guest:** J. Halpern, Psychology

**Presiding:** Phyllis Freeman, Dean of the Graduate School

1. The minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2001 were approved unanimously.
2. Announcements
  - The projects to be conducted by students as part of the course 397XX, Practicum in Adolescent Special Education, have been determined by SUNY New Paltz's IRB Chair, Dr. Mary Boyle, to be classroom projects rather than research ("generalizable knowledge" intended for presentation to a broad audience). With this determination complete, the course was approved.
  - Course evaluations were received for 10507, Art in Environmental Education. All other issues raised by the Council have been resolved, and with the recommendation of the Course Approval Subcommittee, the Council approved this course.
  - Consideration of the course 10508, Art of Necessity, is still "on hold" pending receipt of course evaluations and resolution of the issue of the onsite instructor.
  - M. Guiry reported that the Subcommittee on Outcomes Assessment will be focusing on development of surveys for alumni, their employers, and current students. The goal will be to develop surveys that may be administered efficiently (e.g. via electronic means) and that will provide outcomes data required in the near term by accrediting agencies for appropriate graduate programs (and in the longer run by other departments as well). The surveys will include questions about issues common to all departments and other questions that will be unique to each department. The committee plans to examine the questionnaires currently in use in various departments and will work closely with Institutional Research and with the IRB.
3. Old Business
  - None
4. New Business
  - a. Council members discussed the proposed revisions of the M.A. in Psychology - Specialization in Counseling with Guest James Halpern. The new concentration will require 48 credits rather than 36, in order to meet impending New York State Licensure requirements. Prof. Halpern stated that, even if the new legislation is not passed, the 48 credits are needed to meet requirements for certification/licensure in many other (neighboring)

states. He outlined the changing configuration of the profession and the ways in which these changes are addressed by the new curriculum.

The new concentration includes two new courses:

88508 Career Development, Counseling, and Assessment  
88506 Multicultural Psychology

The new concentration (including the two above courses) was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne C. Balant, Secretary