

# Graduate Council Minutes - 10/19/01

**Present:** P. Atkins, A. Balant, L. Bell, C. Easwaran, M. Guiry, J. Hammond, M. Lodge, J. McLaurin, 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 September 28, 2001 were approved unanimously.
2. Announcements

P. Freeman made the following announcements:

- The Provost indicated via email that he wants a list of faculty interested in being part of the Initial Planning Group for Outcomes Assessment. A. Balant's name will be sent to the Provost. P. Atkins indicated that she would be interested next semester.
- Based on the Council's discussion last meeting, P. Freeman looked at other SUNY schools' policy about having a continuing registration unit for all students. None of the schools looked at have a policy.
- The Council agreed on two, university-wide deadlines for graduate applications: May 15 for Summer and Fall enrollment and November 15 for Spring enrollment. Departments may set earlier deadlines (e.g., MPS, Psychology) or only accept students once a year (e.g., MFA, Special Ed). The new application packet will tell students to check their department's website for details, therefore it is vital that department web sites be up-to-date.

### 3. Old Business

- a. Course 64520-Statistics for Elementary/Middle School Teachers was approved unanimously by the Course Approval Subcommittee.
- b. It was agreed that a Subcommittee would review the Graduate Student Research and Creative Projects proposals. The group made up by J. Bennett, C. Easwaran, M. Guiry, J. McLaurin, and H. Stoneback would seek assistance from R. Rudnitski and D. Freedman on proposals from Education and Physical/Natural Science, respectively. Proposals will be evaluated using the same rating scale as last year.

### 4. New Business

- . P. Freeman provided a summary report of the SUNY Graduate School Deans' Meeting.
  1. There is a move at some SUNY colleges to no longer publish the Graduate School Catalog in paper form. The following question was raised to the Council. Should the Graduate School catalog be in paper form?
  2. The following trends in Graduate School program development were discussed by the Graduate Deans with Assistant Vice Provost

Kate van Arnam: Combined programs (e.g., BA/MAT and BS/MBA), Offering Certificates (pertaining to an aspect of a discipline or to try out a possible degree), and Joint Programs between two independent institutions.

3. SUNY has determined a new funding formula for TA/GAs throughout the System program. Part of the formula is proportional to the total stipend/fellowship portion FTEs at each campus. In addition, a "quality factor" will determine additional funding. The SUNY Provost's Task Force developed a set of nationally recognized and quantifiable indexes of excellence for ranking doctoral programs. Deans at SUNY masters programs now must develop criteria comparable to the ranking system in place for doctoral institutions.
  - a. The Bylaws Subcommittee will meet in place of our scheduled meeting on October 26. The Research and Creative Projects Subcommittee will meet on November 9. John Harrington will be invited to join the Council on November 30 to discuss graduate programs in the Physical Sciences.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Guiry, Secretary