

GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
10/31/03

Present: K. Bell, A. Dos Reis, P. Edwards, P. Freeman, M. Garatti, M. Guiry, J. McLaurin, D. Miller, and J. Raskin

Guest: Chui-Chun Lee, Director, Sojourner Truth Library

Presiding: Phyllis Freeman
Dean of the Graduate School

The meeting was called to order in HAB 703 at 2:00 p.m.

1. The minutes of the meeting of October 17, 2003 were approved unanimously.
2. Announcements
 - a. P. Edwards reported on a case reviewed by the Academic Standards and Appeals subcommittee involving a graduate student in the Communication Disorders (Audiology) Department seeking to be re-matriculated in Spring 2004. The subcommittee agreed with the Department's recommendation that the student be re-matriculated under stipulated conditions. Dean Freeman will convey this information to the department chair.
3. Old Business
 - a. P. Atkins joined the Academic Standards and Appeals subcommittee.
 - b. Director Lee discussed issues pertaining to graduate students' use of the library. She indicated that although surveyed graduate students were somewhat dissatisfied with the service at the Library one has to keep in mind that only 4 percent of graduate students participated in the Library's survey last Spring. Furthermore, only 39 percent of the 4 percent go to the Library. Some Council members presented anecdotal evidence about some possible areas of concern for graduate students. At the end of the discussion, Dean Freeman suggested that information about the library might be included in departmental mailings to new graduate students and that links to the library should be provided through school and department Web pages as well as the Graduate School Website. In addition, Director Lee suggested that she would communicate with graduate coordinators about Library issues and concerns.
4. New Business
 - a. The subcommittee for new course proposals recommended that School of Business Course # 20502: Internship Practicum, be approved. During the ensuing discussion, concern about the rigor of the course was raised by one Council member. Other members were in consensus that the purpose of the course was to teach job preparation skills. Thus, the course was approved unanimously by Council.

- b. Assoc Vice President J. McLaurin discussed her Web page project that is designed to raise the profile of the research and creative activities at SUNY New Paltz. Initially, the plan is to have a link for Research & Creative Activity that will be accessed through Academics & Library link on the home page of the SUNY New Paltz Website. The long-term goal is to have a separate link for Research & Creative Activity on the NP home page. Council discussed the types of research and creative activities that would be highlighted on the Website (suggested name: Spotlight on Research). J. McLaurin pointed out that each school and department would have to add a link for Research & Creative Projects on their respective Web pages. The Deans would be responsible for updating this information.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Guiry, Acting Secretary