GRADUATE COUNCIL
MINUTES
12/05/03

Present: M. Guiry, J. Raskin, A. Dos Reis, D. Miller, K. Bell, P. Freeman, M. Garatti, Stephen Vinson, M. Roehm, M. Muffs

Presiding: Phyllis R. Freeman
Dean of the Graduate School

Guests: R.W. Bodenschatz, N. Schniedewind

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

2. The minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2003 were approved unanimously.

3. Announcements
   a. Dean Freeman received a nomination for the NAGS award in Baltimore from Art Education. She outlined the rubric for submission and the high praise by faculty regarding the candidate’s thesis
   b. Four projects will be coming to the Graduate Council in the spring for approval. They are (1) MA/MAT, (2) 2 courses in elementary education, (3) MAAS summer program that is a re-design of the MAAS and MS Art Ed programs, and (4) re-registration of the Educational Administration program.
   c. There will be two graduation ceremonies in May: Graduates at 9:30 a.m. and Undergraduates at 1:30 p.m.

4. Old Business – None

5. New Business
   a. Professor Schniedewind addressed the Council regarding a situation with a faculty line in the Humanistic/Multicultural Education graduate program.

      Professor Schniedewind discussed the overall effects of the loss of faculty in the program. Specifically, she noted the need for faculty to complete administrative tasks as part of their responsibilities as well as advise and teach classes. She did note approval of a search for a one-year full-time lecturer to teach content areas in the program.

      Professor Schniedewind referenced the certificate and content areas (middle level and multicultural) that will be eliminated with the loss of faculty lines in her program. She also discussed how the program had received approval by NCATE that was the responsibility of present faculty.

      Professor Schniedewind discussed her concerns regarding the process of notification of faculty when the decision was made by the administration.

      Members of the Graduate Council asked Professor Schniedewind questions regarding the program and faculty lines. Dean Freeman reviewed the previous four years allocations for faculty lines for Educational Studies.
Professor Schniedewind distributed a rationale for her position. She requested that a letter from the Graduate Council be drafted that supports the program and that the process should be determined by faculty governance.

b. Richard Bodenschatz reported that a decision was made to create a newsprint catalog that will cost approximately $6,500 (for 8,500 copies). This is in contrast to the bids received by Dean Freeman that were approximately $17,000 (for higher quality run of 15,000). Print versions of the Catalog will be distributed to matriculated graduate students and graduate program coordinators rather than used as recruiting tools.

Mr. Bodenschatz described how with more students accessing the Internet for college searches, many students do not utilize college paper catalogs. Over time, there will be a general shift away from paper except where official documents are needed.

A discussion ensued regarding the need to have all Departments keep their web sites up to date.

A suggestion was made to have a separate Graduate School day when graduate candidates might visit New Paltz to talk, review, and discuss programs. When they do this, candidates can obtain appropriate documentation to aid them in making informed decisions after having their credentials examined by faculty from various graduate programs. We will continue a discussion of this during the spring semester.

The Council wished Professor Steve Vinson a good study leave in spring 2004 in Luxor, Egypt and welcomed Professor Mary Roehm back from her sick leave.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Muffs, Secretary