

Graduate Faculty Meeting Minutes - 5/11/01

The meeting was called to order in CSB 110 at 1:10 p.m.

1. The minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2000 were approved unanimously.
2. President Roger Bowen gave an overview of the status of the Graduate School and its role within the College. Enrollment for Spring 2002 is the highest ever with 433 full-time students. The headcount for Fall and Spring was 3400. Projected income this year is \$4.2 million. He thanked Dean Freeman for her leadership.
3. Provost Lavalley indicated that Graduate Council had a busy and productive year revolving around the careful review of program and course proposals. He announced that there was an increase in enrollment and an increase in the number of faculty in the Graduate School with significant gains made in Business, Education, and the Arts. He noted that the MBA Program and Ed Administration Internship program had received positive notoriety.
4. Dean Freeman summarized the activities of Graduate Council during the past year. Significant accomplishments include the creation of the Graduate Council Website, the approval of more than 30 courses, the passing of extensive changes to a number of programs, reviewing re-registration proposals for Education, the formation of a subcommittee on outcomes assessment, the reaffirming of not allowing a S/U option for graduate students, and the funding of twelve Research and Creative Projects awards. She provided an overview of the status of the Graduate School and its goals for the future. She indicated that she had accepted an appointment for a three-year term as Dean of the Graduate School. A copy of Dean Freeman's report is on file in the Graduate Office.
5. Dean Michael of Education indicated that there was stronger enrollment in Education. He discussed the re-registration of the programs required by the New York State Department of Education. Twenty-eight programs were submitted for approval. The Department of Elementary Education established criteria for admission to increase enrollment. Twelve students from are enrolled in the doctoral program in Educational Administration with SUNY Albany. Next year, Education will be seeking national accreditation. A copy of Dean Michael's report is on file in the Graduate Office.
6. Dean Salavitabar of the School of Business provided an update on the programs, activities, and enrollments. Enrollment is on a steep rise, Finance is the most popular concentration, new concentrations were added in Management and Information and Knowledge Management, and the first class from the MBA program in Queens will graduate in December 2001. Proposals have been developed for a concentration in Health Care Administration, as well as a joint BS/MBA program with Physics. A copy of Dean Salavitabar's report is on file in the Graduate Office.
7. Dean Phillips reported on the status of the graduate programs in Fine and Performing Arts, including the proposal to reinstate the Piano Program, the move of the Piano Institute to the Summer, and the growing interest in interdisciplinary work. SASM accreditation will occur next year. In Fall 2000, the Art Department

- received a positive report from an external evaluation. The Visual Research Lab began in Fall 2000. The TA program is strong and growing. Dean Phillip's report is on file in the Graduate Office.
8. Dean Benjamin reported on a number of issues affecting the graduate programs in the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Enrollment remains at status quo. Therefore, the challenge is to increase not only the number of students, but also the quality of students. In addition, the school needs to determine how to find resources outside the College. A search is underway for a PhD in Speech Pathology, while a new specialization exists in Counseling in Psychology. Nursing will be undergoing reaccreditation. The English curriculum needs to be revised, while the History program will be reassessed. Potential growth areas exist in Sociology, Foreign Languages, and dual degree programs. Dean Benjamin's report is on file in the Graduate Office.
 9. Dean Harrington reported on the status of graduate programs in his office. He indicated noted that that 45 M.S. degrees in Computer Sciences were awarded in the last three years. In contrast to the tremendous growth in the number of Computer Sciences degrees, over the last five years, only nine MS degrees were awarded in Geology, five in Engineering, and 15 in Chemistry. These programs must become more proactive in recruiting students into their graduate programs. A step Physics has taken in this direction is developing a joint BS/MBA program with the School of Business. External sources of funding must be developed. Engineering has reactivated its Advisory Board. A copy of Dean Harrington's report is on file in the Graduate Office.
 10. Assistant Vice President for Sponsored Programs Jan McLaurin reported on the activities of her office. There was a 12 percent increase in grant expenditures. Expenditures will reach a new level of \$3.3 million, funding 51 active projects. New Federal regulations for using human subjects were instituted. SUNY New Paltz will abide by the new regulations by having training sessions for investigators. Her office is looking into the feasibility of having web-based training programs. A workshop on protecting human subjects was held during the year. Eventually, additional Federal regulations will require more extensive training. The Chancellor's goal is to double the volume of research funding in the next five years across SUNY systems. Two New Paltz faculty, Larry Fialkow and Joel Neuman were recognized by the Chancellor during the year for their research excellence. Jan McLaurin's report is on file in the Graduate Office.
 11. New Business
 - a. If would like to be a member of Graduate Council, put your interest in writing and submit it to Eleanor Richards. The election ballot comes out in the Fall.

Nominations that were announced and/or received at the meeting include:

For Presiding Officer:

Anne Balant (Communication Disorders)

For Secretary:

Michael Guiry (Business Administration)

For Membership on the Graduate Council:

Lee Bell (Educational Studies)

Jamie Bennett (Art)

Chirakkal Easwaran (Computer Science)

Daniel Freedman (Chemistry)

Ide Katims (Nursing)

Jonathan Raskin (Psychology)

12. No Old Business

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Guiry

Secretary, Graduate Faculty