

Graduate Council Meeting

March 10, 2010

Attendees: Matthew Aiello-Lammens (GSO), Estie Arkin (Applied Mathematics and Statistics), Ruth Ben-Zvi (Economics), Alicia DeRosalia (Graduate School), Dante Di Ianni (Graduate Student Advocate), Michael Kifer (Computer Science), Kent Marks (Graduate School), Lawrence Martin (Dean, Graduate School), Susan O'Leary (Psychology), Brian Phillips (Geoscience), Susan Scheckel (English), Marcia Simon (Dental School), Arleen Steckel (Nursing School), Jacobus Verbaarschot (Graduate Council Chair), Elizabeth Vink (GSO)

Absent Members: Allegra de Laurentiis (Philosophy), Elaine Hoffman (Library), Sara Lipton (History), Anne McElroy (SoMAS), A. Laurie Shroyer (Preventative Medicine), Charles Taber (Political Science and Associate Dean, Graduate School)

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by the Chair, Jacobus Verbaarschot.

Approval of minutes

- Minutes were approved from the 2/24/10 meeting, with minor revisions.

Chair's Report

- **Tuition Return**
 - Dean controls 1/3 of the money – some of which is designated to the Childbirth Accommodation Policy. Balance will be used for graduate stipends to allow programs to expand.
 - ACTION: Dean to get report of how many students requested this service in 2009.
- **Review of new Master's program in Marine Sciences**
 - Dean reported that the review was successful.

Old Business

- **Revised Proposal MA Degree in Geosciences**
 - Council approved since suggested revisions have been made.
- **Revised ENP Proposal**
 - Council suggested minor changes; under the guidance of Charles Taber to make these revisions, the Council approves the proposal.

New Business

- **Strategic Plan for Graduate Education at Stony Brook**
 - Dean would like to form an executive committee, which he will lead, to meet with Graduate Program Directors, Chairs and Deans to get their ideas about how to improve graduate education at Stony Brook.
 - Susan O'Leary, Susan Scheckel, Marcia Simon and Jac Verbaarschot have volunteered to be on the committee. The Dean will also look into recruiting Petar Djuric.
- **Third Option for MS Degree in Computer Science**
 - Need to work with Charles Taber regarding technicalities. Otherwise approved.

Dean's Report

- Council agreed that it is not necessary for them to see minor revisions made to proposals since Albany is no longer required to see them.

- **Southampton Review Launch (3/9/10)**
 - Dean attended launch in Manhattan – thought it was impressive.

- **Parking Rights for Fellows**
 - Since they are not considered employees, their parking privileges were inadvertently taken away; after working on a way to tag them as an affiliate, their parking privileges have been restored.

- **MS in Journalism – Site Visit**
 - Dean met with reviewers who came for site visit; they felt that this can be one of the most innovative journalism programs in the country.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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