

## **Graduate Council Meeting**

### **April 7, 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), Sara Lipton (History), Kent Marks (Graduate School), Lawrence Martin (Dean, Graduate School), Anne McElroy (SoMAS), Susan O'Leary (Psychology), Brian Phillips (Geoscience), Susan Scheckel (English), Marcia Simon (Dental School), Arleen Steckel (Nursing School), Charles Taber (Political Science and Associate Dean, Graduate School), Jacobus Verbaarschot (Graduate Council Chair), Elizabeth Vink (GSO)

**Absent Members:** Allegra de Laurentiis (Philosophy), Elaine Hoffman (Library)

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

#### **Approval of minutes**

- Minutes were approved from the 3/24/10 meeting, with minor revisions.

#### **Chair's Report**

- **Approval of Proposals**
  - Chair informed Council that there were 7 SED approvals:
    - Combined BA/MBA degree in Chemical & Molecular Engineering / Business Administration
    - Combined DDS/PhD degree in Dentistry/Oral Biology & Pathology and in Dentistry / Molecular and Cellular Biology
    - Combined BA/MBA degree in Electrical Engineering/Business Administration
    - Curricular Change in MFA degree in Creative Writing
    - Curricular Change in MA program in Public Policy
    - Curricular Change of MS program in Physics
    - Executive Option for an MBA Degree
  - In addition, there was one SUNY approval:
    - Revision of MFA in Creative Writing
- **Discussed Childbirth Accommodation Policy**
  - SBU's link is located on the APS (American Physical Society)'s website
- **Discussed *Newsday* article re: plans to make strategic cuts at Southampton campus**

#### **Old Business**

- **No Old Business to report**

#### **New Business**

- **Proposal for Professional Master of Engineering Degrees**
  - Council agrees it is a great idea and recommends a letter of intent be submitted to Albany under the guidance of Charles Taber.

### **Dean's Report**

- **PHEEIA**
  - GSO representative informed Dean that GSO passed a resolution to support PHEEIA.
  - Dean discussed status of PHEEIA
  
- **Research Foundation**
  - At recent Senate meeting, Nancy Daneau discussed updates on the Research Foundation's contract renewal.
  
- **Strategic Planning for Graduate Education**
  - Steering Committee had the first meeting with GPDs and Chairs this past Monday. Two more are to be held later this week.
  
- **GSO petitioned President Stanley re: not wearing the red robes**
  - Old robes were in storage and will be used instead (blue & gold for doctoral students, black for MD & DDS, DPT & Nursing will be determined).
  
- **Search to hire new Vice President for Advancement**
  - Dean is chair of this search committee.
  - Search firm has been chosen – Witt / Kieffer

### **Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.**

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