

10-21-2014 GAC Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting of October 21, 2014

Approved by the Council on November 18, 2014

In attendance: J. Bartow (staff), F. Bolton (staff), G. Burke, A. Dariano (staff), J. Fossett, R. Fogarty, G. Griffith, L. Halpern, S. Hogan, D. Mancini, B. Mielenz, E. Morgenson, K. Procknal, A. Rorissa (Chair), K. Williams

1. The draft minutes of the GAC meeting of 5/9/2014 were considered and approved without any amendment by a vote of 11-0-0.
2. The draft minutes of the GAC meeting of 9/9/2014 were considered and approved without any amendment by a vote of 12-0-0.
3. Chair's Report – Abebe Rorissa

Chair Rorissa welcomed everyone and introduction of students and new members were made. He then went on and mentioned the following items:

- Senate Bill 1314-04: Proposal to establish a Graduate Certificate Program in International Health and Human Rights was approved by the Senate on 4/7/14 and approved by the President on 4/23/14.
  - Senate Bill 1314-05: Proposal to Establish a Graduate Certificate Program in Teaching Composition was approved by the President on 4/18/14.
  - At the SEC meeting on October 6, Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost Mulcahy mentioned that he is putting together a committee to look into graduate student stipends and retention.
4. The GAC recommended by a vote of 12-0-0 on 10/21/14 the following two changes to the Charter:  
*X.4.6.2. New graduate courses and changes to existing graduate courses receive final approval from the schools and colleges, but the Graduate Academic Council shall have the power to review new courses and changes to existing courses and require reconsideration by the schools and colleges.*  
*This editorial change above is proposed to remove unnecessary procedural references while maintaining the Council's authority in supervising graduate education on the campus.*

*X.4.8.3. The committee shall submit all recommendations to the Council for approval. Policy additions and/or changes are then brought to the Senate for consideration if approved by the Council.*

*This editorial change above is proposed to add clarifying language regarding the need for the Senate to take action to establish and/or modify graduate academic policies.*

5. Dean's Report – Kevin Williams

Dean Williams brought to the attention of the Council that we were conducting assessments on new targets for enrollment for next year. Following up on the budget, stipends to study and compare with peers. He plans on meeting with the committee that the Provost will be reaching out to populate. This is important for the budget as enrollment has declined and all schools missed their target for Fall 2014.

*Dean Williams also reported that Global Health Studies was approved by SUNY.*

*He was also invited and attended Counsel Grad Schools Workshop with the purpose of understanding PhD career pathways.*

6. *Leslie Halpern gave us a standing report/update for the Committee on Admissions & Academic Standing referencing the following open cases:*
  - *A grade grievance case currently being reviewed in which the committee needs more info from the School and has requested such.*
  - *One additional grade grievance case pending for review in the near future*
7. *The Committee on Curriculum & Instruction report advised that this committee undertook an email discussion on School of Public Health – Department of Epidemiology and Statistics regarding request to revise its MS degree requirements. The proposal was felt to be clear, well-supported, justified and reasonable and the Committee voted (6-0-0) to unanimously endorse the proposal.*
8. *Next meeting to be Tuesday, November 18, 2014 from 10:30 am – 12 noon at MSC 102.*
9. *The meeting was adjourned.*

*END OF GAC 10-21-2014 MINUTES*