

## 4-8-14 GAC Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting of April 8, 2014

Approved by the Council on April 29, 2014

In attendance: J. Bartow (staff), F. Bolton (staff), S. Chittur, A. Dariano (staff),  
M. DeRensis (staff), G. Griffith, S. Hogan, D.Mancini, J. Poniatowski  
A. Rorissa, R. Toseland (Chair), K. Williams, M. Wolfe, A. Zemel  
R. Craig (Guest/Presenter), V. Ng (Guest/Presenter)

1. Alyce Dariano was introduced to the Council as a newly welcomed secretary in the Office for Graduate Education who will be providing services to the Council as well in the months ahead.
2. Draft minutes from the GAC meeting of 3/11/14 were considered and approved without amendment by a vote of 9-0-0
3. Dean's Report – Kevin Williams

Dean Williams reported that the Rockefeller College proposal to establish a Master of International Affairs (M.I.A.) degree program, previously approved by the Council, had additionally been approved by the University Senate and President Jones, with transmittal to SUNY imminent. The Senate also just approved on 4/7/14 the Rockefeller College proposal to establish a Graduate Certificate Program in International Health & Human Rights

Dean Williams also reported on his participation with Ray Bromley and Bob Andrea on an internal self-review on international study & recruitment issues. Some outcomes were recommendations to establish new positions and re-structure the Office of International Education. A report on this self-review is forthcoming.

Dean Williams commented on the recently announced SUNY merger/acquisition of CNSE with SUNY IT. The timeline for implementation of the merger will be impacted by proposals regarding accreditation and NYS SED program registrations.

Dean Williams asked that the GAC examine the campus definition of full-time in relation to research fellowships.

4. Chair's Report – Ron Toseland

None.

5. Proposal to establish a Graduate Certificate Program in Teaching Composition

Professor Randall Craig, Chair, English Department introduced this proposal and provided a verbal summary about it. It is envisioned primarily as a programmatic add-on to PhD English students who are not specializing in rhetoric and composition (RCO). The certificate

program requires completion of 3 courses (2 in pedagogy; one in RCO), a semester's training work in the University's Writing Center, compilation of a teaching portfolio, and teaching two terms in the Program in Writing and Critical Inquiry (WCI) while also participating in WCI professional development opportunities. This add-on certificate should be of significant value to graduates seeking teaching employment.

Professor Hogan emphasized the need for rigor in the program. Professor Craig assured him of such, as well as extensive developmental supervision.

The Council voted to approve the Proposal and introduce it to the University Senate for final campus governance approval by a vote of 10-0-0.

6. Proposal to amend the formal program title of the M.A. Women's Studies to become Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Professor Vivien Ng, Chair, Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies introduced this proposal to update the M.A. program title (and affiliated combined programs). Since its establishment at UAlbany, the field has "undergone significant transformation." The details of this transformation were described in the written proposal that had been previously distributed to the Council. Prof. Ng summarized such to be an evolution away from a focus on the state of white women to a focus on the intersectionality of gender, race and sexuality, as currently taught by our faculty. The Council voted to approve the programs' title changes 10-0-0.

END OF GAC 4/8/14 MINUTES

Future Meetings: 4/29/14 & 5/9/14; 8:30AM – 10:00AM; MSC 102