

In attendance: G. Berg, A. Dawson, S. Faight, A. Kordzek, C. Lawson, A. Morse, S. Rafferty, KN. Stanwicks, T. Williams-Hart, W. Zakrzewski, K. Williams, J. Bartow (staff), C. Davis (staff), S. Kent (staff), S. Pease (staff), J. Deden (staff)

Guests:

Jennifer Goodall, Assistant Dean, Department of Information Science

Debra Gelinias, Assistant Vice Provost for Applied Learning

D. Mahar, Registrar's Office

1. The draft GAC minutes from 10/22/18 were considered and approved without amendment by a vote of 6-0-0.
2. Dean's Report – Dean Williams reviewed highlights from President Havidán Rodríguez's Fall University Address – 'Accelerator Initiatives' include the creation of the Graduate School. No new details on the progress of that initiative are yet available. More scholarships for master's students and work on the website update were also mentioned. The new 5 year academic planning calendar was briefly discussed between the Dean and Council members. Graduate Education plans to incorporate related text into our Course Syllabus Guide pertaining to absences for religious reasons. Name of new M.S. degree being proposed is Digital Forensics & Cyber Security.
3. Chair's Report – Chair Rafferty gave no report
4. Proposal to establish a BA/MA combined program pathway in LACS – Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latino Studies.
J. Bartow represented LACS in lieu of Alejandra Bronfman, reviewing the proposal and fielding questions from the Council. The combined program pathway calls for the full existing master's degree to be completed, with no changes to admission requirements or the curriculum. BA/MA program pathways, though not terribly high in enrollment, are a way to accelerate top undergraduate students with graduate course work and shorten the overall time to complete both degrees in the field.
The Council voted to approve the proposal by a vote of 9-0-0.
5. Proposal to establish two BS/MS combined program pathways in CEHC
Jennifer Goodall, Assistant Dean, Department of Information Science presented a review of the proposal and fielded questions from the Council. Discussion covered the positioning of the culminating course, in this case internship, in the student's curriculum timeline. For students in the combined pathways the internship will be supervised in the next to last semester.
The Council voted to approve the proposal by a vote of 7-0-2.
6. Micro-credentialing proposal/presentation – Debra Gelinias
Dr. Gelinias presented a briefing and engaged in discussion with Council members regarding SUNY and UAlbany micro-credentialing initiatives. She was appreciative for the feedback on the proposal (previously distributed) and will factor the feedback into future developments.

7. Report of the GAC Committee on Curriculum & Instruction (below)
 G. Berg presented the Committee's recommendations.
 At the request of Jon Bartow the proposal to approve changes to the MA Math program was tabled (vote of 9-0-0) to allow time for further inquiry regarding the program's culminating requirement in consideration of State Ed policy. The remaining report was accepted by the Council by a similar vote of 9-0-0.

8. Report of the GAC Committee on Admissions & Academic Standing (below)
 Kabel Stanwicks briefly presented a summary of a student grievance petition, CAAS Case 2018-19-1 as previously provided to the Council. The Council accepted the report and approved the recommendation therein by a vote of 9-0-0.

9. Mention was made that schedules would be collected regarding availability for Spring 2019 meetings.

Meeting was adjourned without opposition, at 4:00 PM.

End of 11/19/2018 GAC Minutes

University at Albany, SUNY
 Graduate Academic Council 2018-19

Membership Roster (as of 11/19/18)

Susan M Appe, Assistant Professor, Public Administration & Policy, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy

Kristie Asaro-Saddler, Educational Psychology and Methodology, School of Education (Spring 2019 only)

George Berg, College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security & Cybersecurity

Alexander (Alec) Dawson, History, College of Arts & Sciences (Fall 2018 only)

Sydney Faight, Ph.D. Student, Philosophy, College of Arts & Sciences

Andrea Kordzek, School of Criminal Justice

Catherine (Kate) Lawson, Geography and Planning, College of Arts & Sciences

Alexander (Alex) Morse, M.P.A Student, Public Administration & Policy, Rockefeller College

Sean Rafferty, Anthropology, College of Arts & Sciences (CHAIR)

Kabel Nathan Stanwicks, University Libraries

Tiffany Williams-Hart, School of Business

Kevin Williams, Dean of Graduate Studies, Ex Officio and non-voting

William (Billy) Zakrzewski, Ph.D. Student, School of Criminal Justice

Curriculum and Instruction Committee

October 22, 2018, November 19, 2018

Proposals reviewed: Adolescent Special Education for Childhood Special Educators AGC, Adolescent Special Education for Content Teachers AGC, Mathematics MA, Evening MBA, Geographic Information Science MS

Committee Members: George Berg (chair), Haijun Chen, Andrea Kordzek, Alex Morse, Stephen Weinberg, Billy Zakrzewski, Alec Dawson, Keith Chan, Sydney Faught

Staff: Colleen Davis

These proposals were reviewed both in-person and electronically by all of the committee members.

Adolescent Special Education for Childhood Special Educators AGC, Adolescent Special Education for Content Teachers AGC Program Proposals

The Committee reviewed and endorsed these proposals, primarily to amend admission requirements, but they were subsequently been withdrawn by the School of Education and Division of Special Education.

Mathematics MA Proposal

The Mathematics department is proposing the following changes to the Mathematics Master of Arts program:

- Remove the Master's Comprehensive Exam as a requirement

The department indicated that the program still requires a capstone requirement (AMAT680, 681, 682, or 683 [Master's Seminar course]), but feel the Master's Comprehensive Exam does not add anything to the graduate experience as the content of the exams are the same as in the courses the students have taken. Based on this the committee voted to approve the proposed program changes (9 approve, 0 disapprove, 0 abstain).

Evening MBA Program Proposal

The department is proposing the following program changes:

- Activation of the Cybersecurity concentration
 - The department is creating this concentration to align with the Fulltime MBA program and correspond to the Information Security CGS program currently offered in the School of Business
- Course additions to the New Venture Development, Information Systems and Business Analytics, and the Marketing concentrations
 - The department is adding BITM680 as a course option to the New Venture Development concentration
 - The department is adding BITM651 and BITM652 as course options to the Information Systems and Business Analytics concentration

- o The department is adding BMKT601 and BMKT680 as course options to the Marketing concentration
- o All of these courses are existing options currently taught. With the new Fulltime MBA changes approved last year, the department has hired new faculty and are able to offer these concentration elective courses.
- Deactivation of the Nanotechnology and Taxation concentrations
 - o With the CNSE split, the department has not been able to sustain this concentration.
 - o Regarding taxation, there has been little interest in this concentration and the department no longer allows non-accounting or non-taxation students to take these courses.

Based on the above justification, the committee voted to approve the changes (9 approve, 0 disapprove, 0 abstain).

Geographic Information Science MS Program Proposal

The department has proposed that the admission requirement of the GRE be removed. They feel that the letters of recommendation and transcripts are sufficient criteria to make informed admission decisions. They have made this determination after going through 2 full admission cycles for the program. The GRE is not required for the other degree programs within the Department of Geography and Planning.

Based on the above justifications, the committee voted to approve the proposal (9 approve, 0 disapprove, 0 abstain).

To: Graduate Academic Council (GAC)
 From: Kabel Nathan Stanwicks, Chair
 GAC Committee on Admissions & Academic Standing (CA&AS)
 Date: October 25, 2018
 Re: Report and Recommendation

The GAC CA&AS met on 10/23/18 in consideration of a student grievance.

In attendance at the meeting were K. Stanwicks (Chair), S. Roch, R. Torn, K. Lawson, J. Bartow (staff) and S. Kent (staff).

Attached is the confidential report/recommendation from the Committee on petition GAC CAAS 2018-19-1.