

Graduate Academic Council

2022-2023

Minutes of the Graduate Academic Council meeting on 10/13/22, 11:00 AM via Zoom

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Approved by the Council on 11/8/2022.

In attendance: Oleg Lunin (Chair), Jaclyn Napoleon (Vice Chair), Kathleen Flynn, Eliot Rich, Philip Eppard, Ming-Ching Chang, Andrew Gill, Emily Pacer, Boluwatife Ajayi

Staff/Guests: Kevin Williams (ex-officio), Colleen Davis (staff), Shanise Kent (staff), Rachael French (Registrar's Office), Na-Vasia Phillips (The Graduate School)

Agenda

1. Approval of the GAC Agenda (minor adjustment made to move the review of minutes after Dean's Report due to quorum)
2. Review of the minutes of the GAC meeting of 9/20/2022; no corrections
3. Dean's Report – Kevin Williams;
 - a. The first Grad Advisory Board meeting was October 3rd (includes graduate and program directors). The goals are to provide updates from the Graduate School, improve communication between departments and the Graduate School, and discuss best practices. The group discussed enrollment, including what worked well and what didn't. Kevin was able to obtain feedback from directors.
 - b. The Dean also presented the results from a master's portfolio study done by Hannover Research to the Graduate Advisory Board. The review included growth and volume of master's programs across the country. Programs were reviewed in the following categories: high growth programs (growing demand from students and in terms of jobs); established programs (no growth in students or employment, but consistent demand; emerging fields; and low growth. The majority of our programs fell into established programs category. We have 8 programs considered high growth areas, but enrollment has been dropping in 4 of the 8. He will be sharing this data with Provost and Deans. Another advisory meeting will be held later in the semester.
 - c. Applied Atmospheric Science MS was just approved, with admissions starting in Fall 2023. We have several new programs pending NYSED approval.
 - d. Re-registration project has begun, and we were met with questions/pushback from SUNY. Undergraduate programs went through this within the last few years and now graduate programs are being reviewed.
 - e. National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity subscription. Please encourage your graduate students to join this. It is free; initially started to help new professors (assistant to associate) but it now includes doctoral students. Students (and faculty) can sign up through MyUAlbany. There is a dissertation success curriculum (12-week program with different modules).
4. Chair's Report – Oleg Lunin; no report. Jaclyn Napoleon (Vice Chair) will report on the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) and the Senate meeting.

- a. SEC on 9/28/22, Senate 10/12/22. SEC discussed the Provost's report: ABET accreditation in engineering; new programs; enrollment and retention; make programs more flexible for completion. Artificial Intelligence will be integrated into multiple majors across the university, as well as potential micro credentials in this area. We received additional funding from the state to finish College of Engineering and Applied Sciences building, as well as hiring new faculty. Please save the date for the 4/28/23 Research Showcase.
 - b. Senate meeting: the President talked about engineering, faculty hires, and the continuation of the listening and learning tours. We are making efforts in hiring indigenous and underrepresented minorities. The University struggles with staffing in multiple areas, especially ITS. The President's fall address is next week and the budget forum is the following week. There is a call for Senate topics; please let Sydney Faught or Alec Dawson know if you have any suggestions. Kabel Stanwick is meeting with other University senators next week; if you have topics please use the [Google form](#). Student Association had a nice event in Dippikill recently (250 students attended). The University Planning and Policy Council (UPPC) will have an office campus planning presentation (where we are, what the future projects are).
5. Finalize GAC Standing Committees and Chairs for 2022-2023; GAC and its sub-committees are fully formed. CCI and CA&AS will vote in chairs at their first meetings. Colleen has been in touch with CCI and Shanise will email CAAS when she has business.
 6. No other business; meeting adjourned 11:19am.

Council/Committee	Senator?	Name	TF/PF	Title/Rank	School/Unit
		* GAC: Graduate Academic Council: 6 - 8 TF (2 of whom must be Senators and 1 must be a n 1SA			
GAC	S	Lunin, Oleg (Chair)	T	Associate Professor	CAS/Physics
GAC	S	Park, Byoung	T	Assistant Professor	CAS/Econom
GAC	S	Balaram, Rakhee	T	Assistant Professor	CAS/Art & A
GAC		Flynn, Kathleen	T	Senior Assistant Librarian	University Li
GAC		Rich, Eliot	T	Associate Professor	School of Bu
GAC		Colvin, Kim	T	Assistant Professor	School of Ed
GAC		Eppard, Philip	T	Professor	CEHC
GAC		Chang, Ming-Ching	TF	Associate Professor	CEAS/Compu
GAC		Napoleon, Jaclyn	PF	Director of Graduate Recruitment & Admissions	Rockefeller C
GAC		Gill, Andrew	GSA	Graduate Student	CAS/Philosop
GAC		Pacer, Emily	GSA	Graduate Student	SPH/Environ
GAC		Ajayi, Boluwatife	GSA	Graduate Student	CAS/Women
GAC			UG		
GAC			F/S		
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GAC		French, Rachel	volunteer	Assistant Registrar	The Registra
GAC	Support	Colleen Davis	Support	Dean of the Graduate School's designee	Graduate Sch
GAC	Support	Shanise Kent	Support	CA&AS Committee Suport	Graduate Sch
GAC	ex officio	Williams, Kevin	ex officio (non-voting)	Dean	Graduate Sch

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Committee Memberships

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GAC Committee on Curriculum & Instruction (CC&I)

Assistant Graduate School Dean Colleen Davis, staff

Kim Colvin (potential chair)

Eliot Rich

Kathleen Flynn

Byoung Park

Phil Eppard

Rachael French

GAC Committee on Admissions & Academic Standing (CA&AS)

Assistant Graduate School Dean Shanise Kent, staff

Rakhee Balaram

Ming-Ching Chang

Jaclyn Napoleon

Oleg Lunin

Andrew Gill

Emily Pacer

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** Chair