

9/26/2017 GAC minutes

Minutes of the Graduate Academic Council meeting of September 26, 2017, 2:30 PM, UAB320
Approved by the Council 10/13/2017

In attendance: K. Asaro-Saddler, G. Berg, K. Chan, M. DeJesus, S. Fought, E. Lasada-Bergman, C. Lawson, Z. Lawrence, S. Rafferty, N. Turner, J. Whyte-Dixon,
K. Williams, J. Bartow (staff), C. Davis (Staff), J. Deden (Staff)

Guests: Kim Boyer –CEAS

Gary Saulnier, Daphney Zois and Hany Elgala –Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering

Jessica Lansing –Registrar's Office

Shanise Kent – Graduate Education

- 1) Chair Rafferty welcomed all and initiated introductions of Council members and guests.
- 2) Dean's Report – Dean Williams welcomed and extended thanks to new Council members.
 - a) Updates of Graduate Satisfaction Survey.
 - b) Report on the University at Albany's participation with Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science program at Stony Brook, which is "train the trainer" to communicate science to laypeople.
- 3) Chair's Report – Chair Rafferty had no report. Recommended the Council establish and approve committees and committee chairs.
- 4) GAC Committees & Chairs –
 - a) J. Bartow gave review of responsibilities of committees and committee chairs.
 - b) Question by Z. Lawrence, if there will be a review of Graduate reinstatement/grievance policies, answered by J. Bartow, no.
 - c) Recommended that at some point the Committee on Curriculum & Instruction and/or Council add a time limit to filing academic grievances made to the GAC.
 - d) Kristie Asaro-Saddler volunteers to be chair of Committee on Admissions & Academic Standing.
 - e) Roster for Committee on Education Policy and Procedure (CEPP) to be left vacant due to no business.
 - f) Motion made to approve the rosters of both the Committee on Curriculum & Instruction and Committee on Admissions & Academic Standing.
Approved by vote of 10-0-0
- 5) New Business –
 - a) Proposals from Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering to establish an M.S. and a Ph.D. program in Electrical & Computer Engineering, reviewed and discussed.
Motion made to vote on both proposals at the same time, with one vote. Motion approved 10-0-0
Motion to approve the establishment of M.S. and a Ph.D. program in Electrical and Computer Engineering, with minor edits as discussed. Approved 10-0-0

6) Other Business –

J. Bartow led a procedural discussion on the upcoming request from Department of Information Science. The department will be asking for approval of changes to the 5 tracks of the MS IS program and the addition of a “stand-alone” degree in Library Science Media that is certifiable by NYS Education. He recommends the GAC review it as a body rather than sending proposal to Committee on Curriculum & Instruction first.

7) Motion made to adjourn and motion was approved 10-0-0

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

End of 9/26/2017 GAC Minutes