

9-17-2013 GAC Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting for September 17, 2013

Approved by the Council on March 11, 2014

In attendance: J. Baronner (staff), J. Bartow (staff), F. Bolton (staff), S. Chittur, G. Griffith, D. Mancini, A. Rorissa, Y. Tian, R. Toseland (Chair), K. Williams, M. Wolfe, A. Zemel

Unable to attend: J. Aubin, S. Hogan, D. Levy, C. Preble

The meeting was called to order by Chair Toseland at 1:06 PM

1. Introductions

Chair Toseland introduced himself and requested all attendees introduce themselves and provide a little background.

2. Consideration of minutes for the 5/9/2013 GAC meeting. The Council unanimously approved the minutes.

3. Dean's Report – K. Williams

For Fall 2013 admissions there are 1,248 new graduate students (959 master's, 231 PhD, 58 certificate). 4,768 applications were received, and 2,407 students were admitted. Fall 2013 enrollment was 4,440, up from last year's total of 4,407. The target enrollment of 4,542 was not met, although we may pick up more enrollments. Undergraduate enrollment was also under the targeted goal.

The Office of Graduate Education has been awarded a \$987,000 grant from the National Science foundation to establish a Bridge to the Doctorate program. This program is designed to engage students from underrepresented populations and provide academic and research support services for students. The goals of the project are to broaden participation in STEM fields and prepare participants to be leaders in their scientific communities at the national and international level. Kevin Williams, Vice Provost for Graduate Education, is the "PI" on this project.

The President's inauguration will be held September 28th with many events leading up to the date. Events include UACCESS (UAlbany Collaboratively Creating Excellent, Scholarship, and Success): Our Call for Inclusive Excellence; Enacting Diverse Learning Environments: The Benefits and Challenges of Making Excellence Inclusive; Inclusive Excellence in the Classroom.

The President and Provost will be reviewing the internationalization agenda of the University this Fall, with an eye toward developing a new agenda or plan for moving forward. Included will be a review of international enrollment in graduate programs (how many, what countries, etc.), international research and academic collaborations, support services for international students, and internationalization of the curriculum. Bob Andrea, Ray Bromley, and Dean Williams are serving on the committee.

The Graduate Student Organization has changed its name to Graduate Student Association.

4 Chair's Report – R. Toseland

Yesterday Chair Toseland attended the Executive Committee meeting but was unable to stay for the entire meeting. President Jones spoke about his concern with the upcoming College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering and UAlbany separation and other university concerns.

Caitlin Janiszewski, President of Graduate Student Association, sent Chair Toseland an e-mail providing the names of three Graduate students that will serve on GAC: Jessica Aubin, Christine Preble, and Isabel Tian.

5 GAC Committee Memberships/Chairs

A brief description of each Committee's responsibilities was discussed. Chair Toseland mentioned that Dan Levy has volunteered to be Chair of the Committee on Educational Policy & Procedures (CEP&P). Sridar Chittur chose to become the Chair of the Committee on Curriculum & Instruction (CC&I). Alan Zemel volunteered for the position of Chair of the Committee on Admissions & Academic Standing (CA&AS). Jon Bartow will canvas departments to obtain more committee members.

Chair Toseland touched briefly on future meetings. Jon Bartow will contact members soliciting times they are *not* available in order to schedule GAC meetings for this semester.

Future Meetings:

The Council's future meetings are in the process of being formed.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Toseland at 1:36 PM.

END OF GAC 9/17/2013 MINUTES
