

## 3-6-2012 GAC Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting for March 6, 2012

Approved by the Council on April 4, 2012

In attendance: A. Assuwiyan, J. Baronner (staff), F. Bolton (staff), S. Commuri, B. Dieffenbach, C. Duncan, T. Groves (Chair), G. Robinson, M. VanUllen, K. Williams

Unable to attend: J. Bartow (staff), J. Bissonnette, D. Dewar, L. Halpern, A. Krause, D. Mancini

The meeting was called to order by Chair Groves at 3:06 PM.

1. Minutes from the February 6, 2012 meeting were approved by the Council.
2. Dean's report – K. Williams

The Strategic Planning Working Group for graduate education has been working the last 4-5 months to establish a set of metrics for assessing doctoral programs. The working group has reached agreement on a preliminary list of metrics, and it will include input, process, and outcome metrics. The list of metrics will be distributed to the Council for review before going public. Individual programs will monitor the administration of metrics. A set of metrics can be applied by all programs and will strengthen self-study programs. The metrics will focus on outcome assessment rather than learning assessment. Staff productivity, student scholarships, student retention to the third year, job placement the first year out of programs, etc. will be included in the review. The working group will apply the same strategies for the master's programs once having completed the doctoral programs.

3. Chair's Report – T. Groves

The Senate held a meeting yesterday, March 5. Since both the President and Provost were unable to attend, Steve Beditz gave the President's report.

The UAlbany proposal for SUNY2020 remains under active review. A response is expected after approval of the NYS budget.

Chancellor Zimpher announced a proposal to shift five percent of existing administrative costs to benefit academic programs. Separately, \$70M is currently spent each year on remediation programs for high school and community college students to prepare them for a four-year college. A fraction of this will also be redirected.

UAlbany has received \$4M in grants for three proposals from the Regional Economic Development Council. Separately 52 new jobs were created in 2011 under the program.”

A list of members for the Presidential Search Committee members was distributed by the Chair. The University's website (<http://www.albany.edu/presidentialsearch/>) will update the search's progress. By summer the Committee plans to reveal the chosen final candidate.

4. Committee Reports

CC&I - Prof. Sridar Chittur

Since CC&I Chair Sridar Chittur was unable to attend today's meeting, Florie Bolton provided the report. Rockefeller College's Department of Public Administration and Policy submitted a proposal for changes to its Public Sector Management Certificate of Graduate Study. The certificate requires the selection of five courses to complete a specialization in one of seven different concentrations. The department believed updates were required due to changes in the public management field as well as student demand and faculty offerings. A spreadsheet was provided for comparison purposes showing the current certificate requirements along with the desired updates. A title change for the "Public Security" concentration to "Homeland Security" was also requested. A request was made to have the Department of Public Administration and Policy submit a signed Course Action Form confirming the title change. The Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal.

5 Old Business

Review and possible update of guidelines for addressing academic dishonesty

Chair Groves reviewed previously solicited comments from Council members. Input is still being gathered if members wish to provide suggestions. Discussion followed. Students communicating electronically during a test should be prohibited. Teaching faculty members noted that students are warned not to open up cell phones. It was suggested that perhaps cheating could be described in a generic way since specific ways change over time. It was suggested that a faculty table be created that would *not* be included in the student handbook. The table would include examples of instructors' handling past students' indiscretions and could be downloaded by professors. A student mentioned that too many suggestions could bog things down since ethical violations are interpretational. If students took a course on ethical violations, all questions could be answered within the class. It was noted that taking this course is on a volunteer basis and not mandatory. Once UAC and GAC together compose *one* bill, it will be presented to the Senate.

Review status of outstanding assessment reviews

Council member G. Robinson provided his report on the Physics Department's assessment.

The Council voted unanimously to approve his report.

The assessment for Criminal Justice will be tabled for the April 4 meeting along with the report for Sociology

6. New Business

No new business was conducted.

Future Meetings:

All meetings will be held in the MSC 102 Conference Room

- Wednesday, April 4, 2:15-3:45 PM

- Friday, May 4, 2012, 2:45-4:15 PM (date moved from original May 2<sup>nd</sup> booking)

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Groves at 4:16 PM.

END OF GAC 3/6/2012 MINUTES

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