

4-7-2015 Draft GAC Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting of April 7, 2015

Approved by the Council on _____

In attendance: J. Bartow (staff), A. Dariano (staff), C. Davis (staff), S. Chittur, R. Fogarty, G. Griffith, L. Halpern, S. Hogan, D. Mancini, B. Mielenz, E. Morgenson, K. Procknal, A. Rorissa (Chair)

Guest: Elizabeth Bowe Martin (Rockefeller College)

Chair Rorissa welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made by all.

Draft Minutes from the March 3, 2015 meeting were approved with minor amendments.

1. Chair's Report – Abebe Rorissa

A bill to introduce the proposal to establish a Graduate Certificate program in Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security, and Cyber Security by the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy was on the Agenda at the Senate's April 6th meeting. However, it was not discussed and/or approved due to lack of quorum.

2. Dean's Report – Jon Bartow for Kevin Williams (out of the area)

Candidates for the Vice Provost for International Education will be visiting shortly. All are invited to participate.

3. Committee on Curriculum & Instruction Report - Prof. Sridar Chittur

The CC&I considered, via email discussion, two proposals recently submitted for changes to existing graduate programs. The changes are summarized below. The CC&I concluded e-discussion of these proposals on 4/1/15, voting unanimously 5-0-0 to recommend approval of both to the GAC.

The School of Business proposes slight structural change to its 15 credit Graduate Certificate program in Information Security <http://www.albany.edu/graduatebulletin/15395.php>. The proposal calls for a one course reduction in the "specialized courses" category, with a corresponding one course increase in the "elective" category. The electives category is a finite set (not fully elective in a broad sense) and the overall change would provide more Info Security enrollment flexibility, per advisement, for students.

The Department of Public Administration & Policy in the Rockefeller College proposes an update to its Master of Public Administration program

http://www.albany.edu/graduatebulletin/public_admin_policy_mpa_degree.htm. The proposal seeks to escalate study in Nonprofit Management & Policy from a sub-cluster within the existing Public Management cluster, to become its own Nonprofit Management & Policy cluster. The MPA curriculum requires 6 core courses and 5 courses comprising a student specific specialization, with the latter drawn from one or two clusters.

The Council voted to approve the proposals by a vote of 10-0-0.

4. *The proposal to discontinue/deregister graduate programs in Geology that are no longer offered and removing them from our website was discussed.*

The Council voted to approve the proposals by a vote of 10-0-0.

5. *A motion was moved to postpone and table the Proposal to establish a BS/MS program in Human Development/Mental Health Counseling & the Proposal to establish a BS/MS program in Human Development/Educational Psychology & Methodology, as to allow the department to be invited to a future meeting to answer questions that have been raised.*

The Council voted to approve this motion by a vote of 10-0-0.

6. *Next meeting scheduled is on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 from 9:00 am – 10:30 am in MSC 102.*
7. *The meeting was adjourned.*

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