

4-28-2015 GAC Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting of April 28, 2015

Approved by the Council on May 12, 2015

In attendance: J. Bartow (staff), A. Dariano (staff), C. Davis (staff), G. Burke, R. Fogarty, L. Halpern, S. Hogan, D. Mancini, B. Mielenz, A. Rorissa (Chair), K. Williams (Dean)

**Guests:** Jane Domaracki (Special Education), Karen Chico Hurst & Melissa Powers (Registrar's Office)

Draft Minutes from the April 7, 2015 meeting were approved with no amendments.

1. Chair Rorissa introduced Prof. Jane Domaracki from Special Education

Prof. Domaracki presented the proposal for a New Advanced Certificate Program in Adolescent Special Education for Childhood Special Educators. The program will prepare existing childhood special educators for initial and professional certification for Students with Disabilities Generalist (grades 7-12). The Generalist is the Consultant Teacher, not the Teacher of Record. This would be targeted for a candidate who has already met requirements for M.S. Initially a combination of online and on campus courses, ideally fully online in the future to recruit from across New York.

The Council voted to approve the proposal by a vote of 7-0-1.

2. Dean's Report – Kevin Williams

Dean Williams announced that there were three fellowships earned from the Atmospheric Science Department. He also advised that candidate interviews for Vice Provost for International Education and Deans were wrapping up.

3. Chair's Report – Abebe Rorissa

Chair Rorissa reported Senate Bill 1415-03 (Proposal to establish a Graduate Certificate in Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cyber Security) was approved by the University Senate at its April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. However, Senate Bill 1415-05 (Proposal to Discontinue and Deregister Graduate Programs in Geology) was on the Agenda at the same meeting but was not discussed and/or approved due to lack of quorum.

In addition, the University Senate elected James Collins as the new Vice-Chair; approved the Proposed Council and Standing Committee memberships; voted to change the name of the "College of Computing and Information" to the "College of Engineering and Applied Sciences"; and received updates on the "College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity" from Provost James Stellar and Interim Dean David Rousseau.

4. Committee on Curriculum & Instruction Report – Prof. Sridar Chittur (Not Present)

Report & Recommendation was read by Jon Bartow as follows:

*The CC&I considered, via email discussion, a proposal recently submitted by the College of Arts & Sciences for changes to existing graduate programs (MS & PhD) in Atmospheric Science. The DAES faculty seek update to 12 required course credits of ATM course requirements in each of the programs. The change will broaden the required "core" experience of students in the programs, as desired by the faculty and department reviewers. The CC&I found the arguments for amendment clear and compelling. With a vote concluding on 4/13/15, the CC&I unanimously (5-0-0) recommends the GAC approve the proposal for changes to the MS & PhD programs.*

*The Council voted to approve the proposal by a vote of 6-0-2.*

5. *Next meeting scheduled is on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 from 9:00 am – 10:30 am in MSC 102.*

6. *The meeting was adjourned.*

*END OF GAC 4-28-2015 MINUTES*