

Graduate Academic Council  
1999 – 2000

Minutes of the meeting of October 14, 1999 – DRAFT  
AD 152, 1:00PM

Members present: Carlos Santiago, Donald Byrd, Gregory Harper, Sanford Levine, Wayne Logan,  
John Monfasani, Barbara Via, Maria Brown, Laterrian McBrewer

Member absent: Steadmon Sampson

Guests: Jon Bartow (staff), Susan Palmer

Jon Bartow convened the Council in light of Senate Chair Lou Robert's request that election for Council leadership positions be considered afresh.

John Monfasani was nominated to chair the Council and elected unanimously.

Council members were asked to consider service on GAC committees. The following individuals were nominated to chair the committees and elected unanimously:

Barbara Via	Committee on Admissions & Academic Standing
Donald Byrd	Committee on Educational Policy & Procedures
Maria Brown	Committee on Curriculum & Instruction

Membership on committees was considered as detailed in the agenda, with the following two additions:

Laterrian McBrewer to join the Committee on Curriculum & Instruction  
Louise Ann McNutt to join the Committee on Educational Policy & Procedures

The Council acted to approve the membership on committees as proposed and authorized the Council Chair to approve additions to committees.

Dean of Graduate Studies Carlos Santiago reviewed with the Council some highlights from GAC in the previous year:

- Approval of the M.A. Program in Women's Studies
- Campus approval of curricular revisions to the M.S. Program in Information Science
- Campus approval of the conversion of the Ed Admin doctoral program from EdD to PhD
- Campus approval for joint program offerings with Albany Law: MSW/JD & MRP/JD
- Revision of campus graduate policy regarding doctoral full-time study in residence

Dean Santiago suggested that this year's Council might wish to take up a policy issue pertaining to the definition of full-time status. He commented further on a tentatively completed mission review document between the University at Albany and SUNY System Administration. Graduate stipends, accountability, program reviews, student quality, entrance requirements and outcomes are among the major issues that have come up in discussions of the mission review document. Dean Santiago commented briefly about the changing role of the Office of Graduate Studies. He indicated that admissions processing will continue to be a priority item and that due to resource losses other support functions may be diminished.

In responding to Dean Santiago's report, Professor Harper noted that the admissions application fee is sometimes problematic in regard to our attempt to attract strong students. Maria Brown suggested that greater promotion of combined bachelor/masters programs should be considered.

Adjournment

--Jon Bartow, Recorder