

Graduate Academic Council
2000 – 2001

Minutes of the Initial Meeting of the Council, September 21, 2000
(Approved by the Council on 11/9/00)

Attending: Jeryl Mumpower, Deborah Bernard, Mary Gallant, Gregory Harper, Richard Irving,
John Monfasani, Lenore Mullin (Chair), Maria Brown, Lisa Trubitt, Dalia Abdel-Hady &
Jon Bartow (Staff to the Council)

Unable to attend: Anne Fortune & Nicole Johnson

1. Following member introductions, minutes of the GAC meeting of 5/12/00 were reviewed and approved as presented.
2. Dean of Graduate Studies Jeryl Mumpower presented and briefly discussed with Council members a variety of current issues pertaining to graduate education at the University:
 - Status of Fall 2000 graduate enrollments (below target) and the budgetary impact
 - Graduate assistant stipends (substandard)
 - Definition of full-time study at the graduate level
 - New program development, especially a Forensics track of the Biology MS program
 - Potential need/benefits of an operable year-round GAC
 - Emerging focus on program review
 - SUNY System-wide analysis of tuition scholarship allocations

3. The Council acted to approve members serving on and chairing GAC committees as follows:

Committee on Admissions & Academic Standing
Maria Brown, Chair
Gregory Harper
Deborah Bernard

Committee on Educational Policy & Procedures
John Monfasani, Chair
Lisa Trubitt
Dalia Abdel-Hady
Anne Fortune

Committee on Curriculum & Instruction
Richard Irving, Chair
Lenore Mullin
Mary Gallant

It was further agreed that additional committee members would be sought and the GAC Chair authorized to grant temporary approval of additional members in advance of the next GAC meeting, so as to allow the committee to begin work as warranted.

4. The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting date and time to be announced based on work within the committees.