

Graduate Council Minutes

December 13, 2023

Present: Kimberly Bell, Agnieszka Bialkowska, Elizabeth Boon, Susan Brennan, Kara DeSanna, Michael Ferdman, Melissa Jordan, Jose Moscoso-Nunez, David Rubenstein, Marcia Simon, Arleen Steckel, Daniel Waxman

Absent: Brooke Belisle, Lily Blocker, Holly Colognato, Allegra DeLaurentiis, David Green, Sonia Harmand, Gianna Juliano-Hooper, Chris Kretz, Richard Larson, Celia Marshik, Hanna Nekvasil, Brian Nucci, Colleen O'Toole

1. Meeting called to order at 2:03pm
2. Review of the Minutes from 11/29
 - a. Clarified 6(e)(iii) was referring to the length of the STEM Grad Retreat
 - b. Motion to accept. Seconded. Approved unanimously.
3. Chair's Report
 - a. Graduate Council Membership
 - i. The current breakdown of membership is a historical remnant of the old organizational structure of the University and SUNY.
 - ii. The University Senate has proposed changes to the Graduate Council membership and Marcia wishes to discuss it with Graduate Council
 - iii. There are overall concerns voiced about the proposed membership.
Concerns include:
 1. A single faculty member for all of the College of Business, SoMAS, and the School of Communications and Journalism
 2. A single faculty member for all non-STEM CAS departments
 3. Dividing by STEM is not always clear-cut
 4. The Graduate School is meant to be separate from the Graduate Council and should not have a voting member
 - iv. Q: Who are we representing? The population or disciplines?
 - v. Comment: Positive change to get voting graduate student members
 - vi. After the holiday, we can invite Rich to the Graduate Council.
4. SUNY Korea MS in Data Science
 - a. Addressed personnel and obtained a commitment letter from the SUNY Korea Provost regarding faculty hires
 - b. Clarified the responsibilities of the Graduate Council for SUNY Korea are primarily curriculum
 - c. Corrected several typos that were identified.
 - d. Motion to approve. Seconded. Approved unanimously.
5. ECE and ESE Doctoral Review

- a. Reviewed in 2016 by GC, but will require state review.
 - b. Gets rid of a qualifying exam, and imposes a GPA requirement on Major and Minor requirements
 - c. Will be doing syllabi over the break.
 - d. From Kara: The credit minimum is low; have to show that students are getting to 60 credits, whether through ESE 699 or otherwise
 - e. Necessary changes:
 - i. The curriculum is based on students with a bachelor's degree, and information about students with a master's degree can be removed
 - ii. Dissertation Defense requirement → Dissertation Research and Defense documented with a minimum of 15 hours of ESE 699
 - iii. The syllabi and faculty table will be updated
 - iv. Motion to table pending further clarification from the program. Seconded. Approved unanimously.
6. Motion to adjourn at 2:58pm. Seconded. Approved unanimously.