

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2019 MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

PLACE: Couper Administration Building – Room 148

PRESENCE: [Illegible]

MEMBERS: [Illegible]

Host: Professor Mahamud Z. Hassan, Adam Costa, Ph.D., M.A., M.S., M.P.A.

EX OFFICIO Sarah Lam

MEMBERS:

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Prof. Ami Bar-On, Timothy Barnes (GSO), Subimal Chatterjee, Yu

Chen, Paul Chiaro, Jonathan Christiansen, Mary Beth Curtin, Robert

Guay, Paul Parker, Mark Poliks, Gale Spencer, Christine Sylvester (GSO), Elizabeth Tucker, Leigh Ann Wheeler, Shengsheng Zhou (GSO)

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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II. MINUTES

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III. Report from Committees

Curriculum Committee: Associate Dean Sarah Lam reported that the Committee met on

February 16, 2019, and discussed the proposal for a new M.S. in Data Analytics.

Associate Dean Lam presented the proposal for reform to PhD Program in Sociology. Jason Moore was on hand to answer questions. A formal vote was taken and the proposal was approved unanimously.

Associate Dean Lam presented a summary of the MS in Data Analytics degree proposal. The

This proposal went through an external review. Reviewers were Kabikar Chatterjee from

University of Pittsburgh and Simon Chatterjee from Texas A & M University, Merit Award

members include Weivi Meng, Xinyue Qiao and Mohammed Khasawneh. A formal vote was taken and the proposal was approved unanimously.

Associate Dean Lam presented a program revision proposal in Biomedical Engineering. The proposal outlines one of the core courses with DME C02 and streamlines the curriculum for the program. A vote was taken and the proposal was approved.

Academic Standards Committee: Dean Turkula presented the report of this committee's deliberations. The committee met twice (in January and February). The committee reviewed a draft policy proposal on double master's degrees that responds to changes at SUNY and SED. Previously, some of dual degrees were approved by SUNY and SED. In June 2017, the university was notified that SUNY and SED will no longer review proposals leading to the award of a second master's degree. SUNY states that an institution is an entity who pays a student and the student must be a resident of the institution's jurisdiction without seeking approval from SUNY. The only restrictions are that degrees not approved by SUNY cannot be labeled or advertised as "dual" "joint" or "registered". Nadia Rubaih and Kristina Lambright were on hand to help answer questions. The proposed policy recommends calling intercollegiate students the student pays for both. The student will need to apply and be accepted to both programs. The student pays for both. The student will need to apply and be accepted to both programs. It is the student's responsibility to obtain all required credit hours for both degrees.

On the subject of how many credits can be double counted, the Academic Standards Committee recommended 120% of the total credits in the degree program with lower credit hours. Following further discussions, CO amended the requirement to read a student may double count no more than 120% of the total credits in any one degree.

Proposals for double degrees will follow the same format as the current SUNY format. The...

Graduate School Manual

Dean Turkula presented the ASO discussion and recommendations for changes to the language in the Graduate School manual concerning severance. The Committee is of the opinion that there remain on probation before being severed.

Following discussions, the following language was adopted:

document. Their continued enrollment will require the specific written endorsement of the
Director of Graduate Studies and approval by the Assistant Dean of the Graduate School"

"A graduate program may only continue a student with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 on
evaluation for a maximum of three semesters (including summer sessions)"

"Students whose grade point average would place them at a fourth semester of academic
probation will require the specific written endorsement of the Director of Graduate Studies and approval by
the Assistant Dean of the Graduate School"

The proposed change was voted upon and approved.

Dean Tarhule noted that the ASC also discussed enrolling criteria. The issue is that students
especially for international students. The Committee could agree with a risk already and
recommends that

Students whose grade point average would put them at risk of severance in
spring should be re-enrolled only in the fall semester. Departments should
also be encouraged to more strictly follow existing guidelines which require
that students who are placed on probation should be held during the fall semester.

No vote was taken as it entailed no policy change.

The next discussion was another FVI regarding severed students on the PhD track. The question
was whether PhD students who are severed prior to receiving their degree should be awarded a
master's degree. The ASC voted and recommended that the affected school resolve such
matters internally.

Dean Tarhule reported on some discussions the ASC had about possibly streamlining the
and approval process. The CC decided to leave the existing process unchanged. Dean

Administrative Committee for Scholarship and Research. This Committee meets every week. No

Clark Advisory Committee – This Committee met on February 13, 2018. Committee reviewed 12 nominations in this round. Seven offers have been made. The next deadline is Thursday, March 1.

Strategic Planning Committee – not met

IV. NEW BUSINESS

The Graduate School announced they have an open position for Faculty Fellow.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. after a motion by Anne Clark and seconded by Yetrib Hathout.



Minutes recorded by Patty Gabriel,
Secretary to the Vice Provost and Dean
of the Graduate School