Graduate Council Meeting Minutes | 11/15/2023

Present: Brooke Belisle, Agnieszka Bialkowska, Elizabeth Boon, Susan Brennan, Kara DeSanna, Michael Ferdman, David Green, Melissa Jordan, Richard Larson, Celia Marshik, Jose Moscoso-Nunez, Colleen O'Toole, David Rubenstein, Marcia Simon, Arleen Steckel, Daniel Waxman

Absent Kimberly Bell, Lily Blocker, Holly Colognato, Allegra DeLaurentiis, Sonia Harmand, Gianna Juliano-Hooper, Chris Kretz, Hanna Nekvasil, Brian Nucci

1. Meeting called to order at 2:03pm
2. Review of the Minutes from 11/01/23
   a. Motion to approve. Seconded. Approved unanimously.
3. Chair’s Report
   a. Nothing to report
4. Local Approval Only - Update to MA in AAAS Bulletin Description
   a. Fix a typo and provide an update to clarify that “Multilingualism and Intercultural Communication” is a focus, not an approved track
   b. Q: is SUNY approval necessary?
      i. A: As long as the list of courses doesn’t go to the bulletin, it can be considered advising and does not require SUNY approval.
   c. Motion to approve. Seconded. Approved unanimously.
5. Modification to Nursing PhD (State Approval Required)
   a. Addition of Distance Education
      i. Faculty have been trained in distance education due to the pandemic, but the program has returned to in-person education only.
      ii. They would like to add a distance education option to the program.
   b. The proposal is an amalgamation of several changes that the Graduate Council has previously seen and discussed
   c. A few typos were corrected
   d. Motion to approve both Form 3A and the Distance Education Form. Seconded. Approved unanimously.
6. Dean’s Report
   a. New orientation software is officially launched. The Graduate School welcomes feedback based on incoming Spring students.
   b. A session on research mentor training (based on CIMER) is available for graduate students and postdocs. There will be another one in the spring, already 20+ for this session.
   c. Postdoc spotlight, the postdoc version of 3-minute thesis, is tomorrow (11/16) at 4pm in the Wang Center Lecture Hall 2.
   d. Grad School is working on resilience training, based on the NIH model.
i. Teaches people to think about how they can advocate and take care of themselves, and provide resources and techniques to do so
ii. In-person version later in the spring semester.

7. Re-certification of the Ecology and Evolution PhD program
a. Last reviewed by the state in 1990, this is for local review only
b. Provided documentation of cumulative changes and their individual approvals from Graduate Council
c. Motion to Approve the E&E PhD program. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

8. Re-certification of the Oral Biology and Pathology PhD program
a. The bulletin is qualitatively the same, but has been reworded
b. Q: In item A on the bulletin, is “all or part” appropriate: “all students must complete all or part of the Oral Biology and Pathology Oral Systems course”?
   i. A: Will have to clarify. But this is in the approved 1989 version as well.
c. Motion to approve the Oral Biology and Pathology PhD. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

9. Motion to adjourn at 2:46pm. Seconded. Approved unanimously.