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.