

**BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY**

**THE GRADUATE COUNCIL- MEETING MINUTES**

**March 27, 2023**

**3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.**

**PLACE:** Zoom / Couper Administration, AD-148

**PRESIDING:** Gretchen Mahler, Interim Dean of the Graduate School

**MEMBERS:** Christopher Bartlette, Paul Chiarot, Hiroki Sayama, Yetrib Hathout Yvonne Johnston, Jeroen Gerritis, Ann Fronczek, KarenBeth Bohan, Norah Henry, Jeremy Blackburn, Jeff Pietras, Pamela Stewart Fahs, Andreas Pape, Joshua Reno, Suzanne McLeod, Bogum Yoon, Nicole Fenty, Rory Eckardt, Thomas Powell

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Junghyun Cho, Jillian Sandy, Ellen Tilden

**EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Patrick Madden, Nicole Rouhana, Danielle Dunne, Nathan Tumey, Niyazi Bodu, Michael Jacobson, Carl Lipo, Scott Craver, Yongabi Ngoh, Kristina Marty, GSO President

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Dean Mahler called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

**II. Minutes from the February 27, 2023 meeting**

The minutes from the February 27, 2023 meeting were approved as written. Yvonne Johnston made the motion and Hiroki Sayama seconded the motion. All were in favor to approve the minutes and none opposed.

**III. New Business**

- Master's vs. Doctoral pay scale-
  - Master's students are paid less then Doctoral for the same job
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**Academic Standards Committee** The committee met on March 6, 2023

- Committee has finished the Graduate handbook template for graduate programs
- Every department should have one and this is a guide to create one
  - Each section has recommendations of what should be included
    - What to include is a policy your department has
    - Recommendation is a policy already in place
  - Links have been included for official policies
  - Should be available on the website for every student
  - Keeping copies of old handbooks for continuing students as you update is best practice
  - All edits suggested in February have been made
- The Graduate School will post the template on the website
- Present to Grad Directors' at the meeting in April
- Jeff Pietras made a motion to approve the handbook template and Hiroki Sayama seconded the motion. All in favor to approve the handbook template and none opposed
- Non-matriculated graduate student policies
  - To consider lowering the number of credits taken before signing the life-long learner contract
  - Currently 12 non-matric credits can be counted toward a degree and 8 credits toward certificate
  - A lifelong learner contract is signed at 12 credits, so some credits may not be counted toward a certificate
  - Academic Standard Committee recommends that students sign the lifelong learner contract after taking six non-matric credits
  - Change the life-long learner contracts
  - Approved by the subcommittee- no motion – all in favor to approve the policy change and none opposed

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**Professional Development Committee** - The committee met on March 22, 2023

- Professional development series for humanities graduate students
  - David Sterling Brown, a former Binghamton University professor in the English Department now at TrinityCollege

Topics

- Developing Your Talent, Developing Your Career: The Tools for Success
- Take the staplers and run”: Navigating Institutions for Personal Growth
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