

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE April 24, 2017 MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

PLACE: Couper Administration Building Room 148

PRESIDING: Susan Strehle, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School

MEMBERS: Elizabeth Anderson (for Adam Laats), Anne Clark, Mary Beth Curtin, Shelley Dionne,

they presented information, with PowerPoint slides, about what the e-portfolio will include. The changes were recommended by the Curriculum Committee and no objections were raised in Council.

Four Letters of Intent were shared with Graduate Council members for their information: in Health Promotion and Nutrition, Integrative Nutrition, Forensic Health, and Exercise Science. LOIs do not need faculty evaluation and approval before they leave campus, but they are shared so Council members are aware of the intent to develop programs. These 4 come from Health and Wellness, and they are not well staffed at present by tenured or tenure-track faculty: there is one faculty member in Forensic Health, one in Nutrition, and none in Exercise Science. The proposals may follow in the next year.

Strategic Planning Committee This committee has not met.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Susan explained that she had updated the Bylaws to bring them up to date, making non-controversial changes that reflected current titles (Dean of Libraries) and roles. Distributed with the minutes was a proposed substantive revision, removing 2 representatives from Education, adding 1 to CCPA in light of the addition of Education as a department, and adding 2 representatives from the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SOPPS). Fernando suggested further revisions to the representation, based on the numbers of faculty. Council decided to use the suggested numbers for the short-term, to guide representation on the 2017-18 Graduate Council; members will come back to the question of how representatives should be allocated to the schools and colleges next year.

The School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences presented their Bulletin copy to Grad Council, explaining that customs within pharmacy schools differ from some existing policies in graduate programs at Binghamton. The D grade (carrying 1 grade point) is used in pharmacy, which admits students with a 2.75 average and graduates them with a 2.5 average (while other graduate programs at Binghamton do not use the