

**BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY**

**THE GRADUATE COUNCIL- MEETING MINUTES**

**November 20, 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:** Loretta Mason-Williams, Sungdai Cho, Steven Schwartz, Hiroki Sayama, Yvonne Johnston, Pegor Aynajian, Norah Henry, Anja Karnein, Andreas Pape, Vladimir Nikulin, Melissa Hardesty, Guy German, Brad Canno, Seden Akcinarogl, Weixing Zhu, Praseeda Gopinath, Tao Zhang
- EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Jillian Sandy, Junghyun Cho, Pam Stewart Fahs, Michael Jacobson, Kristina Marty, Judith Deluca, Ellen Tilden, Yongabi Ngoh,
- EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Tony Davis, Kyoung-Don Kang, Sharon Bryant, Nicole Rouhana, Sarah Young, Summer Farriss, Jenna Buquicchio, Carl Lipo, Jobial Alex, Harshitha Gurram

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Dean Mahler called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

**II. Minutes from the October 23, 2023 meeting**

The minutes from the October 23, 2023 meeting were approved as written. Hiroki Sayama made the motion and Yvonne Johnston seconded the motion. All were in favor to approve the minutes and none opposed.

**III. Committees**

- Academic Standards Committee The committee met on November 6, 2023
  - Exclusively online program graduate policies 2 updates
    - First proposal is to remove the following language: Applicants accepted to any online program may not request a deferral admission, a new application.

Second policy change allows attendance in one seven-week session to count as being enrolled for that semester, for the purpose of meeting the continuous registration requirement

These policy changes were approved and no one opposed.

These edits will be made to the Graduate School Manual and publicize those policy changes in news and notes

- Diversity Committee The committee has not met
  - Update on Clark Fellowships

Designated pot of money for research and travel grants specially for Clark students and approved for \$10,000 this round

We are continuing to work on the language of the Clark Fellowship in light of Supreme Court decisions, the recent Supreme Court decision

Old language is still active for fall 24 and the nomination process is the same as last year. Nomination are due February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1st
- Professional Development Committee The committee will meet on November 27, 2023
  - Update on Graduate Student Excellence Awards

25 Research nominations

14 Teaching nominations

6 Service and Outreach nominations
- Student Affairs/ Budget Advisory Committee The committee will meet on November 21,

