

## 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.