

GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2020
10:00 am - Virtual WebEx

Attendees – Scott Frees, Anthony Dovi, , Fernanda Papalia, Brian Chinni, Connie Crawford, Kathleen Ray, Susan Hangen, Peter Campbell, Aaron Lorenz, Eddie Saiff, Ed Petkus, Scott Frees, Karen Norton, Kathleen Burke, Susan Gaulden, Julie Good, Carolyn Ucci, Naseem Choudhury, Ben Neil, Tim Casperson, Juan Cabrera. Stephen Rice, Leigh Keller

S. Gaulden opened the meeting at 10:01 am and reviewed the previously distributed agenda:

- Discussion/Approval of the March minutes (S. Gaulden)
- Nominations for Chair and Secretary (S. Gaulden)
- Review of Policy and Procedure 300H - Prior Learning Credit (S. Gaulden, A. Dovi)
- Reminder of 4+1 Program – Procedures and New Coding/Workflow (A. Dovi, F. Papalia)
- Other Business
- Adjournment

1) Approval of Minutes– After a review of the March minutes, S. Gaulden moved that they be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by E. Saiff and unanimously approved.

2) Nominations for Chair and Secretary- S. Gaulden called for nominations for chair and secretary. S. Gaulden nominated A. Dovi to remain as secretary and called for other nominations. Seeing none - S. Gaulden called for a vote - all voted unanimously to approve Anthony Dovi as 2020-2021 graduate council secretary.

S. Gaulden called for nominations of chair. E. Petkus nominated Scott Frees. Scott Frees accepted the offering. S. Gaulden called for a vote - all voted unanimously to approve Scott Frees as 2020-2021 graduate council chair.

3) Review of Policy and Procedure 300H - Prior Learning Credit - A. Dovi introduced the conversation to bring attention to the current GLEX policy. MBA has two submissions for GLEX for Fall 2020. F. Papalia stated that GLEX should operate in a similar procedural fashion as PLA. All agreed that the Registrar needs to establish a procedure and form for GLEX processing. S. Gaulden reminded the group that we can only award up to 2 courses or 8 credits for PLA.

C. Romano recommended a revision is needed for the process because as it is now, PLA credits can not be awarded until after the student takes two courses. Graduate students want to know if they have been awarded credit prior to enrolling. This needs further exploration. C. Romano

recommended that Trish Laprey be added to the conversation as she uses PLA for her DCP programs.

S. Gaulden proposed forming a subcommittee - Anthony Dovi, Fernanda Papalia, Trish Laprey, Brian Chinni, Ben Neil, Julie Good, Ed Petkus all volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. A. Dovi to chair. All members should familiarize with current GLEX and PLEX policies and focus on the following objectives and make recommendations to full-council in the Fall.

- a. Revisions for recruitment
- b. Internal procedures and processing

5) Reminder of 4+1 Workflow and New Coding/Procedures from March 2020 – A. Dovi and F. Papalia reminded the group of the new procedures at which the college will track 4+1 students, academic advisement, running reports, and how admissions will support each program once students are seniors.

F. Papalia offered to train program directors with 4+1 programs to run reports and A. Dovi pledged support to guide and assist as needed as we shifted to this new academic advisement and tracking model. F. Papalia to send email with data and guidelines for 4+1 programs.

C. Romano also provided an update stating that graduate students would now be in Connect, the student success advisement system and directors can better manage degree plans and students in Connect.

Other Business - C. Romano commended the group of over 600 graduate students enrolled, about 12% of overall Ramapo enrollment and a job well done in this challenging environment. Congratulations to K. Burke for enrolling first-ever doctoral cohort and to Scott Frees' first cohort of close to 20 students in Data Science.

S. Gaulden called for general topics to be discussed by the council for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021. She introduced topics on cross listing of electives, one-flat-online graduate rate, online offerings of masters program/Middle states change requests, etc.

S. Frees inquired of a better way to inform graduate students about the new health insurance premiums/charges. C. Romano and S. Gaulden committed to working with the VP of Finance on bettering communications about health insurance for Spring and Fall 2021.

A.Dovi recommended the council explore offering more graduate assistantships on campus as the graduate programs grow.

Adjournment – S. Gaulden moved to adjourn, C. Romano seconded the motion; the meeting concluded at 11:51a.m.

Minutes submitted by Anthony Dovi