

Graduate Council Meeting October 6, 2009

Attendees: Matthew Aiello-Lammens (GSO), Estie Arkin (Applied Mathematics and Statistics), Allegra de Laurentiis (Philosophy), Alicia DeRosalia (Graduate School), Dante Di Ianni (Graduate Student Advocate), Elaine Hoffman (Library), Michael Kifer (Computer Science), Sara Lipton (History), Kent Marks (Graduate School), Lawrence Martin (Dean, Graduate School), Anne McElroy (SOMAS), Marcia Simon (Dental School), Arleen Steckel (Nursing School), Charles Taber (Political Science and Associate Dean, Graduate School), Jacobus Verbaarschot (Chair, Physics & Astronomy), Elizabeth Vink (GSO)

Absent Members: Ruth Ben-Zvi (Economics), Susan O'Leary (Psychology), Brian Phillips (Geoscience), Susan Scheckel (English), A. Laurie Shroyer (Preventative Medicine)

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by the Graduate Council Chair, Jacobus Verbaarschot.

Approval of minutes

Minutes were approved from the 9/22/09 meeting.

Chair's Report

- Discussed talk that the new President gave at the Senate meeting yesterday. President Stanley spoke about his vision for SBU and specifically mentioned that graduate student stipends are too low.

Old Business

- Proposal for Professional Track of MSI Degree in Physics
 - The content is fine. Charles Taber will work with Harold Metcalf to get the proposal into the correct format for submission to Albany.
 - Proposal approved with minor revisions.

New Business

- Stony Brook Initiative in Korea
 - W. Brent Lindquist (Deputy Provost) joined the meeting at 1:00 to give a presentation on this initiative and discuss the possibility of Stony Brook setting up a branch campus in S. Korea.

Dean's Report

- Continuing to work on Master's initiative. Will be reporting to the Chairs Retreat on Thursday, 10/8 and to the Graduate Program Directors' Retreat on Friday, 10/16.

- **Action:** Invite Mary Remmler to a future Graduate Council meeting to present on the Master's initiative.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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