

GFEC Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 24, 2023, 9:00-9:48 a.m.

Present: Ronnie Casella, Brittany Adams, Chris Badurek, Julie Becker, Vince DeTuri, Nancy Diller, Tracy Frenyea, Laura Gathagan, Eileen Gravani, Jillian Tucker,

Absent: Peter McGinnis, Kevin Dames, April Myles, Lexi Blavos, Pam Schroeder, Carol Van Der Karr

1. Approval of minutes - 3/27/2023
 - a. Minutes approved
2. Report on SUNY Graduate Student Research Conference, April 11 (virtual) by Chris Badurek. A well-organized and interesting conference.
3. Graduate Faculty Application
 - a. Dan Radus, English Department – motion to approve, L. Gathagan. Seconded, B. Adams. Graduate faculty status unanimously approved
 - b. Kevin Newvine, Literacy Department - motion to approve, L. Gathagan. Seconded, B. Adams. Graduate faculty status unanimously approved
4. Nancy Diller presented Curriculog’s updated version which was launched 3 years ago but the campus hasn’t yet updated to the ‘new’ version. It features a new cleaner look, but no change in functionality. The migration to the new version would be seamless- no content would be lost. Already cleared CRCC. Changes should be rolled out (hopefully) this summer and the new version ready for fall. GFEC members were encouraged to share this with interested parties.
5. Policy Revision to Support UG/GR Combined Programs- 4+1 and 3+2 program policy changes were discussed.
 - a. V. DeTuri helpfully explained that while credits for combined programs could be ‘double counted’, actual degree requirements could not. The credits earned in combined programs came in only as electives.
 - b. While juniors can occasionally be permitted to take 500-level courses, it would be on an individual basis, but not intended as a programmatic feature.
6. Extended Learning Proposal on Increasing Credit Limit for Visiting Students- Darci Contri has suggested raising the limit for non-matriculated students from 9 to 15. L. Gathagan mentioned this could be helpful for some students, as some need grad credits but not an entire degree. T. Frenyea advised this should probably be a Graduate Coordinator’s conversation more broadly. C. Badurek agreed and suggested it be brought before the Grad Coordinators in fall.

Submitted by B. Adams

7. Next steps on GFEC Seats and plans for 2023-2024 academic year. R. Casella will not be returning as Associate Dean for the 2023-2024 academic year. Thus, a new convener of Grad Coordinator Meeting is required. Ronnie suggested that because it is a faculty committee, a faculty member should convene and run it, instead of an associate dean. This was met with broad approval. Discussion ensued as to the possibility of a standing time for Grad Coordinators meetings, though this has caused some difficulty in the past. Ronnie proposed a standing meeting at 10:00 on Mondays, immediately following the GFEC, twice a semester. Ronnie was thanked for his kind service to the Grad Coordinator community.
8. C. Badurek welcomed returning members, L. Gathagan and O. McGinnis. He noted that two seats were vacant: 1 Arts and Sciences school and 1 Education school. Interested parties should put their names forward before Friday, April 28 if possible to begin serving next academic year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 am