

# Graduate Council Minutes

March 21, 2024.

**Present:** Brenda J. Anderson, Brooke Belise, Kimberly R. Bell, Agnieszka Bialkowska, Elizabeth Boon, Holly Colognato, Kara Mallory DeSanna, Michael Ferdman, David Green, Melissa L. Jordan, Chris B. Kretz, David A. Rubenstein, Marcia Simon, Kristen E. Shorette, Arleen Steckel, Daniel Waxman

**Absent:** Lily Blocker, Susan E. Brennan, Gianna M. Juliano-Hooper, Celia J. Marshik, Brian J. Nucci, Jose Alberto Moscoso Nunez, Colleen O'Toole

1. Meeting called to order at 1:01pm
2. Review of the Minutes from March 7th, 2024
  - a. Made a minor change to item 4(a).
  - b. Motion to approve. Seconded. Approved with one abstention.
3. Chair's Report
  - a. The previously discussed accounting program was approved by SUNY.
4. Old Business
  - a. Draft Policy: Minimum Degree Requirements
    - i. Currently, the Graduate Bulletin does not include minimum degree requirements. The Undergraduate Bulletin does.
    - ii. The proposal is to trim some of the Degree->Overview section, which is largely philosophical, and to place minimum degree requirements there.
    - iii. Discussion about the Master of Philosophy degree
      1. Does not require MS/MA requirements, but the MPhil is for PhD students who have completed all requirements for the PhD except the final culminating element
      2. Added "final culminating element, such as a dissertation" as a requirement for the doctoral degrees
    - iv. From Kara DeSanna: the MPhil is a master's level degree, so its requirements should fall under the master's degree requirements.
    - v. Assuming the acceptance of this policy, the rest of the graduate bulletin will essentially have to be redone. How would the Graduate Council like to see this?
      1. The Graduate School will attempt to streamline and clean the bulletin entries. Only the cleaned, new version will be shown to the Graduate Council to be approved.
    - vi. Comment: there are many questions regarding part-time graduate students, for example in the residency requirement.
    - vii. Motion to affirm the minimum degree requirements, to be revised in a future version of the bulletin. Seconded. Approved unanimously.
  - b. Reaffirm Math PhD Degree Requirements (last reviewed in 1995, local only)

- i. The math PhD degree requirements have not been reviewed since 1995. The GPD has sent a letter that their intent is to not change requirements.
  - ii. The bulletin is essentially unchanged.
  - iii. Motion to affirm the program is unchanged. Seconded. Approved unanimously.
- c. HBBMS (the following programs will be disaggregated, full state review)
  - i. Anatomical Sciences, Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology, Neurosciences, Oral Biology and Pathology and Physiology and Biophysics will be disaggregated
  - ii. Walked through each program's forms
    - 1. Only GPDs are listed since no new courses
    - 2. Programs have been operating independently for decades, anyways.
  - iii. Motion to approve disaggregation and resubmission. Seconded. Approved unanimously.
- 5. Motion to adjourn at 2:00pm. Seconded. Approved unanimously.