

GFEC Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2022, 9-9:50 a.m.
Online via Webex

Present: Brittany Adams, Chris Badurek, Ronnie Casella, Kevin Dames, Vince DeTuri, Nancy Diller, Tracy Frenyea, Laura Gathagan, Eileen Gravani, Peter McGinnis, April Myles, Jillian Tucker, Pam Schroeder

Absent: Carol Van Der Karr

1. Approval of Minutes - 9/12/2022
 - a. Approved by acclamation
2. Graduate Faculty Applications
 - Geoffrey Bender (English)
 - Rebecca Bryan (Physical Education)
 - Andrea Harbin (English)
 - Jared McBrady (History)
 - Gillian Mertens (Literacy)
 - a. Motion by P. McGinnis to approve all 5 applicants. 2nd by B. Adams.
 - b. Motion approved by acclamation.
3. Recommendations for graduate student representative on GFEC
 - a. L. Gathagan recommended one of two possible candidates from her program, Julie Becker. She is willing to provide credentials for Julie Becker
 - b. No other candidates were put forward
 - c. Motion by P. McGinnis to approve J. Becker as graduate student representative following SGA approval. 2nd by B. Adams
 - d. Motion approved by acclamation.
4. Options for amending Bylaws regarding graduate faculty representation on GFEC (section 150.04, Article IV, part A in the SUNY Cortland Handbook)
 - a. Problem – not all seats are filled
 - b. Discussion at May 9, 2022 meeting included recommendation to consider membership distribution based on current graduate student enrollment
 - i. Several members voiced opposition to this recommendation
 - c. Further discussion
 - i. Keep number of representatives from each school the same at two. This doesn't include consideration of the school of the at-large representative or the representative from the library or departments without graduate programs
 - ii. Don't make major changes to membership
 - iii. Difficult to get changes passed since 2/3 of votes are required
 - iv. Keep current text in Handbook but add amendment allowing nominees from any department in a school if no nominees are put forward for either of the two seats from a school. P. McGinnis volunteered to craft an amendment to be presented at next meeting
5. SUNY Graduate Research Conference?

- a. Typically occurs in early February or early spring
 - b. No announcement yet if conference has been organized for 2023
- 6. Graduate student small grant applications
 - a. P. Schroeder will send out email later in semester
- 7. Meeting adjourned 9:50 am

Submitted by P. McGinnis