

Graduate Council Report for the 2023/2024 academic year (see also minutes)

Charge: It is the mandate of the Graduate Council to “advise the Dean of the Graduate School and monitor all aspects of the University's graduate program. It will evaluate all proposed new graduate programs and degrees and will participate in program review of existing graduate programs.” “New graduate programs and changes to existing programs must be approved by the Graduate Council, SUNY Central in Albany and registered with the State Education Department (SED). Proposals that have resource implications (e.g., need for new faculty) will also need approval of the appropriate College Dean before Graduate Council consideration.” The Graduate Council also has a Graduate Council Appeals Committee (GCAC), which when requested by the Dean of the Graduate School, reviews documents and makes recommendations related to student appeals of program decisions. The committee comprises two faculty members appointed by the Graduate Council and two students appointed by the GSO. A third faculty member serves as an alternate.

Membership: The Graduate Council includes two representatives from the Humanities and Fine Arts, two from Social and Behavioral Sciences, two from Natural Sciences, one from the Library, two from the College of Engineering, one from the College of Business, two from the Health Science Center, one professional, two graduate students from the GSO. Also participating are nonvoting members from the Graduate School and Provost’s office, the registrar and one volunteer faculty. (See separate Table)

Council 23/24 functions: During the 2023/2024 academic year the Graduate Council met eleven times and there was one appeal. As listed below, the Council evaluated seven new programs, seven revisions to existing programs, five reaffirmations and one disaggregation. In addition, the Council reviewed various policy updates related to English language requirements, degree requirements, dissertation committees, tuition scholarships, course and credit enrollment, credit for 700/800 courses, bulletin updates and a draft of a Stony Brook Graduate School mentoring contract.

Programs Evaluated

New Programs (7)

New Accelerated Degree in Africana Studies (AFS) and Master’s in Public Health (MPH)
New Accelerated degree (BS/MS) in Biochemistry and Cell Biology
Nursing PhD – distance learning
SUNY Korea MS in Data Science
MS in Science Communication
MBA in Business Administration
MS in Political Psychology

Revisions (7)

Advanced Certificate in Life Sciences Innovation and Entrepreneurship
MA in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
MS in Finance
Online MBA (allow full time)
Update to MA in AAAS (Asian and Asian American Studies) Bulletin Description
Art History
PhD in Computer Engineering and Electrical Engineering.
PhD in Clinical Psychology

Reaffirmations (5)

PhD in BME

PhD in Mathematics

PhD in Computer Science and Engineering

MA in Political Science

MS in Mechanical Engineering

Disaggregation

HBBMS (Biomedical Sciences MS) program yielded

- MS in Oral Biology & Pathology
- MS in Anatomical Science
- MS in Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology
- MS in Physiology & Biophysics
- MS in Neurosciences

The status of the programs evaluated are shown in the Table below.

Proposals evaluated and/or completed during the 23/24 Academic Year

| Program Title | Approved by Graduate Council | Approved by SUNY | Approved by NYSED |
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| Science Communication MS | 2/22/24 | 4/26/24 | 5/2024 |
| Business Administration MBA | 2/22/24 | 4/26/24 | 5/2024 |
| Accounting MS New title: Accounting and Analytics MS | 4/27/23 | 8/18/23 | 3/2024 |
| Nursing PhD Distance Education Format | 11/15/23 | 2/26/24 | 2/2024 |
| Political Psychology MA (Letter of Intent) | 10/25/23 | Note: Approval expires 10/25/25; Full proposal needed | N/A |
| Music Performance Master of Music | 10/20/22 | 8/16/23 | 10/2023 |
| Music Performance Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) | 10/20/22 | 8/16/23 | 10/2023 |
| Decision Analytics MS | 11/3/2022 | | 9/2023 |
| Anatomical Sciences MS Disaggregated from HBBMS | 3/21/2024 | 8/08/2024 | 8/2024 |
| Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology MS Disaggregated from HBBMS | 3/21/2024 | 8/08/2024 | 8/2024 |
| Neurosciences MS Disaggregated from HBBMS | 3/21/2024 | 8/08/2024 | 8/2024 |

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| Oral Biology and Pathology MS Disaggregated from HBBMS | 3/21/2024 | 8/17/2024 | 8/2024 |
| Physiology and Biophysics MS Disaggregated from HBBMS | 3/21/2024 | 8/08/2024 | 8/2024 |
| SUNY Korea Data Science MS (NEW) | 12/13/23 | | |
| Computer Engineering Electrical Engineering PhD | 2/08/2024 | 5/07/2024 | 6/03/2024 |
| Accelerated Program BA/MPH Africana Studies/ Public Health | 3/07/2024 (Only local approval required) | N/A | N/A |
| Finance MS | 3/07/2024 | 6/06/24 | 7/2024 |
| Life Sciences Innovations and Entrepreneurship Advanced Graduate Certificate | 5/02/24 | 6/17/24 | 6/27/24 |
| Human-Centered Science Advanced Graduate Certificate | 2022-23 AY | 8/08/23 | 10/2023 |
| Contemporary Asia Studies (name change) | 4/18/24 | 5/28/24 | 08/2024 |

Graduate Council Members during 23/24

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| Bell, Kimberly R. | CELT |
| Bialkowska, Agnieszka B. | Medicine |
| Belisle, Brooke A. | Art |
| Blocker, Lily | Management (College of Business) |
| Brennan, Susan E. | Psychology |
| Cognato, Holly | Pharmacological Sciences |
| DeLaurentiis, Allegra | Philosophy |
| Ferdman, Michael | Computer Science |
| Green, David | Applied Mathematics |
| Harmand, Sonia | Anthropology |
| Kretz, Chris B. | Library |
| Nekvasil, Hanna | Geosciences |
| Shorette, Kristen E. | Sociology |
| Simon, Marcia | Oral Biology & Pathology, Chair, GC |

Nonvoting Participants

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| Anderson, Brenda J. | Executive Committee Liaison |
| Larson, Richard | Executive Committee Liaison |
| Marshik, Celia J. | Cognate Administrator (Graduate School, Dean & Vice Provost) |
| Boon, Elizabeth | Graduate School, Assoc. Dean of Strategic Initiatives |
| Juliano-Hooper, Gianna M. | Graduate School, Executive Assistant |
| Jordan, Melissa L. | Graduate School, Senior Assis. Dean, student services |
| O'Toole, Colleen | Graduate School, Data analyst, student services |
| Rubenstein, David A | Graduate School, Associate Dean |
| DeSanna, Kara Mallory | Provost's office, Assistant Provost |
| Bello, Diane | Registrar |
| Nucci, Brian J | Registrar |
| Steckel, Arleen | Volunteer Faculty |
| Moscoso Nunez, Jose Alberto | Graduate Student |
| Waxman, Daniel | Graduate Student, Secretary, GC |