

GFEC Minutes

Monday, November 20, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Online via Webex

Meeting Link: <https://sunycortland.webex.com/meet/laura.gathagan>

Present: Laura Gathagan, Austin Colluci, Chris Badurek, Jillian Tucker, Keith Newvine, Kevin Dames, Kim Rombach, Lori Reichel, Nancy Diller, Pam Schroeder, Peter McGinnis, Vincent DeTuri, Marinda Souva, Teagan Bradway, Jennifer Martin-Tse, Eileen Gravani

1. Announcement: graduate coordinator meetings are going to be convened by Provost Ann McClellan
2. Approval of Minutes from 10/23/23 meeting
 - a. P. McGinnis moved, K. Newvine seconded. Approved unanimously
3. Welcome to New GFEC Grad Member- Teagan Bradway (English)
 - a. Welcome to Austin as well!
 - b. Introductions
4. Grad Faculty Status Application – Ukelina (History)
 - a. Reviewed application materials
 - b. C. Badurek motion to accept and L. Reichel seconded
 - c. Unanimous approval
5. Curriculog Proposals:
Deactivation- [HLH 651](#)
Deactivation- [HLH 652](#)
 - a. Both options have not been chosen by students in the past ten years. Considering offering a project in the future instead of a thesis for those that might be interested.
 - b. L. Gathagan moved to deactivate. P. McGinnis seconded.
 - c. Approved unanimously.
6. Update on NY State Ed Proposal to adjust current MA requirement for professional certification (New vocab terms: ‘Multiple Pathways’ & ‘Stacked Micro-Credentials’)
 - a. Has yet to go before the Board of Regents
 - i. timeline of being discussed by the Board of Regents may be December or January
 - ii. once approved, easier things to implement would be released first and then move to accomplish all. No definitive timeline.
 - b. Teaching Assistant pathways to bachelor’s degree
 - c. Multiple pathways to professional teaching certification:
 - i. national board certification

- ii. 450 clock hours of post baccalaureate education (could be through BOCES, school district classes, or higher education institution through microcredentials) – no specification in terms of how this would relate to their content area
 - 1. Example: Microcredential at SUNY Oneonta in Literacy for \$500. Sponsored by an outside organization.
 - 2. Concerns about faculty load and microcredentials, as no definitive definition
 - iii. Master's degree
 - d. No data to suggest that a master's degree is the reason why NYS is struggling with hiring teachers
 - i. 51% of teachers in the field whose states do not require a masters, get one anyway (in other states that often equates to an increase in pay)
 - ii. Master's degree allows for teaching AP classes and/or dual-enrollment courses
 - e. Share at Faculty Senate meeting?
 - i. Waiting to receive copy of proposal and background information from NYSED
 - ii. Invite Andrea Lachance to present to Faculty Senate in the future and keep others informed of these possible changes (GFEC, Graduate Coordinators, other master's program stakeholders)
 - iii. Share information with your departments! Collect and share data that demonstrates positive outcomes for teachers with master's degrees.
- 7. Sign-up sheet for taking minutes is live in Teams
 - a. Next meeting currently scheduled for Dec. 4, if needed.
 - i. L. Reichel offered to take the minutes at the next meeting.
 - b. P. McGinnis motioned to adjourn. K. Newvine second.

Respectfully submitted by M. Souva 11/20 at 9:45 a.m.