

**BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY**  
**THE GRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING**

*via zoom*

**March 25, 2024**

**3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESIDING:** Gretchen Mahler, Interim Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School

**STAFF:** Andreas Pape, Ellen Tilden, Ann Marie Kellogg (recorder)

**MEMBERS:** Seden Akcinaroglu, Weixing Zhu, Nicole Rouhana, Hiroki Sayama, Guy German, Melissa Hardesty, Tony Davis, Yvonne Johnston, Pegor Aynajian, John Kuhn, Brad Cannon, Steven Schwartz, Sharon Bryant, Vladimir Nikulin, Loretta Mason-Williams, Tao Zhang

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Michael Jacobson, Kristina Marty, Junghyun Cho, Judith DeLuca, Pamela Stewart Fahs, Jillian Sandy

**EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Sungdai Cho, Norah Henry, Praseeda Gopinath, Kyoung-Don Kang, Harshitha Gurrum (GSO President), Jobial Alex, Jenna Buquicchio, Summer Farriss, Carl

of field experience at BAE. He is being petitioned to act as an adjunct faculty for two courses in the BAE Leadership Development Programs. State education policy requires either a terminal degree or significant relevant experience to teach a course at the graduate level. Brian Sehn

requirement to be allowed to teach the Watson 592 and 593 courses for three years in the BAE Leadership Development Programs. It was noted by Hiroki Sayama, Chair of the Watson Graduate Studies Committee; Vladimir Nikulin; and Junghyun Cho that this instructor is specific to the Watson/BAE Masters of Engineering Program and the students being taught are all BAE employees. In addition, due to the proprietary information being taught, the classes are held on-site at BAE.

A motion to approve Brian Sehn to teach Watson 592 and 593 for three years was made by Hiroki Sayama and seconded by Vladimir Nikulin. All were in favor, and none were opposed. The motion was approved.

**Diversity Committee** – This committee met on March 20, 2024

Update on Clark Fellowships: There are currently seven offers, all to PhD students. Another one will be extended this afternoon. The areas of study include psychology-behavioral neuroscience, psychology-clinical science, physics, philosophy, anthropology, electrical and computer engineering, chemistry, and pharmaceutical sciences. Based on the current budget, eight applications will be awarded in total. When the committee selects those who will be made offers, it also ranks the remaining applicants. That way, if an applicant is made an offer but declines, another student can be selected and made an offer.

**Professional Development Committee** This committee did not meet

**Student Affairs/Budget Advisory Committee** This committee did not meet

### 3. New Business