



California State University, Sacramento  
Faculty Senate

Graduate Studies Policy Committee

*END OF YEAR REPORT, 2015-16*

## **I. Background**

The Graduate Studies Policy Committee is a Standing Policy Committee of the Faculty Senate, responsible for the development of policy and oversight of post baccalaureate studies, including graduate and credential programs and students pursuing second bachelor's degrees at California State University, Sacramento.

The committee meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month during the academic year, from 8:30 - 10:30 am, in SAC 275.

Charge: <http://www.csus.edu/acse/standing-committee/GSPC.html>

## **II. Current Membership**

Bogazianos, Dimitri—Criminal Justice/HHS  
Cowan, Geni—Educational Administration & Policy Studies/EDUC  
Hamilton, Tracy —Mathematics & Statistics/NSM  
Heather, Julian (Chair)—English/AL  
Hembree, Sherri—Child Development/EDUC (sabbatical Fall 2015)  
Kaplan, Jonathan—Economics/SSIS  
LaRocco, John—Management/CBA  
Wassmer, Rob—MPPA/SSIS (sabbatical Fall 2015)  
Pinch, Katherine—Recreation, Tourism, and Parks Administration/HHS  
Topping, Troy—Mechanical Engineering/ECS  
Bowie, Sylvester—Faculty Senate Chair, ex-officio  
Meidinger, John—ASI, ex-officio  
Michaud, Andrew—ASI, ex-officio (appointed Spring 2016)  
Newsome, Chevelle—Office of Graduate Studies, ex-officio  
Vargas, Leah—USA, ex-officio  
[Note: Attendance records are attached at the end of this report.]

## **III. 2015-16 Senate Actions Related to Graduate Education**

- **FS 15-16-115/GSPC/EX Graduate Learning Goals/Objectives Policy, Amendment of**  
*Approved by the Faculty Senate – April 21, 2016*
- **FS 15/16-96/GSPC/EX Duplicate Graduate Degrees Policy, Establishment of**  
*Approved by the Faculty Senate March 10, 2016*

#### **IV. Items Awaiting Senate Approval**

The following items have been submitted to Senate Executive Committee:

- Blended Baccalaureate and Masters Programs Policy, Establishment of
- Undergraduate and Graduate Degree Programs Policy, Amendment of

#### **V. Summary of Committee Business**

In addition to those items discussed in sections III and IV above, the Graduate Studies Policies Committee also addressed several other important matters that will carry over into the next academic year.

1. In Fall 2016, GSPC co-sponsored a summit on graduate education with the Office of Graduate Studies. A report on the summit was shared with the Senate:  
<http://www.csus.edu/acse/Senate-Info/15-16Agendas-Minutes/030316Agenda-Minutes/15-16FS-112.pdf>
2. The committee has spent a great deal of time this academic year working on the Graduate Student GVAR policy. We expect to bring that policy forward to the Faculty Senate during the next academic year.
3. The Committee provided input on several referrals:
  - e-learning policy (referral from CPC)
  - Statement on the meaning, quality, and integrity of graduate degrees (referral from WASC Working Group on the Meaning, Quality, and Integrity of Degrees)
  - Drop Policy (referral from APC/Senate Exec)

Respectfully submitted,

Julian Heather, Chair of the Graduate Studies Policies Committee

