

**2015-16 FACULTY SENATE  
GRADUATES STUDIES POLICIES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**September 1, 2015**

*Approved September 15, 2015*

Members Present: Bogazianos, Cowan, Hamilton, Heather, Kaplan, La Rocco, Newsome, Pinch, Topping

Members Absent: Hembree (Sabb.), Meidinger, Wassmer (Sabb.)

**1. Call to order:** Called to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.

**2. Open Forum**

There were no items for Open Forum.

**3. Information Items**

a. Report from Chair

Nothing to report.

b. Report from Graduate Dean

The Office of Graduate Studies will be sending information about the revised Graduate Learning Goals/Objectives policy to Graduate Coordinators.

c. Report from Statewide Senate

The following email from State Senator Miller was shared with the committee:

The ASCSU leadership met on August 16th with Chancellor White and Executive Vice Chancellor Loren Blanchard, as well as Chancellor's Office staff, in a retreat to discuss and formalize priorities for the year. Specifically with regard to graduate issues, the ASCSU Academic Affairs Committee chair indicated that master's degree issues (e.g., potential changes to Title V) were going to be discussed by the committee this year. No such changes to Title V have yet been presented by the Chancellor's Office to the Board of Trustees, and no action could be taken until discussed at two Board meetings, so hopefully the ASCSU and the campuses will be asked for input beforehand. The first plenary meeting of the ASCSU is September 2-4. Please let me know prior to Sept. 2 if there are any issues you would like me to bring to the attention of the statewide Senate.

**4. Action Items**

a. Election of Vice-Chair

Kath Pinch was elected as GSPC Vice-Chair.

b. Selection of liaison to Graduate Council

Geni Cowan was selected as the GSPC liaison to Graduate Council.

c. Selection of liaison to Curriculum Subcommittee

Kath Pinch was elected as liaison to the Curriculum Subcommittee.

## 5. Discussion Items

### a. Plans for 2015/2016 legislative actions

Members developed the following tentative timetable for legislative actions.

Policy	Type	Start	Forward
Graduate GVAR	major revision to existing policy	October 2015	to Executive Committee mid-Spring 2016
Blended programs	new	October 2015	to CPC by end of Fall 2015
Academic probation & dismissal policy	revision to existing policy	end of Fall 2015	to Executive Committee and/or APC early- to mid-Spring 2016
Readers for theses & dissertations	revision to existing policy	early Spring 2016	late Spring or early Fall 2016
Graduate student research integrity	new	early Spring 2016	late Spring or early Fall 2016
Paired course policy	revision	mid-Spring 2016 (once GSPC sees proposals for changes to Title V)	2016-17
Undergraduate and Graduate Degree Policy	revision to include language on doctoral programs	2016-17	2016-17

### b. Old Business: Summit on Graduate Education

Chair Heather updated members about the background to, purpose of, and preparations for the Summit on Graduate Education, to be held 2-5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> in the Foothills Suite of the University Union. The Summit will include three concurrent breakout sessions which focus on core competencies and writing; assessment and program review; and resources and strategic planning. The Committee established working groups to write questions for each of these topics; questions will be compiled by Heather and circulated with the agenda for the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, when they will be reviewed by the committee as a whole.

Members also discussed whether an additional meeting before the summit is necessary and decided to meet September 29<sup>th</sup>.

### c. Old Business: Graduate GVAR

There was no time for discussion.

### d. Other Business

There was no other business.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:05 a.m.