

2014-15 FACULTY SENATE
GRADUATES STUDIES POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES

March 17, 2015

Approved April 7, 2015

Members Present: Heather, Hembree, Kaplan, May, Miller, Newsome, Reddick, Wassmer

Members Absent: Adan, Cowan, Hamilton (sabbatical), Palaspas, Sprott

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:40 a.m.

2. Minutes of 3-3-15: Approved.

3. Information Items

a. Report from Chair

Chair Heather reported on three items:

- CPC has not yet looked at the university's elearning policy, but the CPC chair has indicated that they will be considering the question of grandfathering existing programs, which GSPC had raised as a concern.
- The Core Competencies working group has asked GSPC to identify a genre which might be used for assessing core competencies. Committee members suggested thesis or project abstracts, since they are already collected and represent work completed at the end of degrees.
- The Core Competencies working group has also asked for a breakdown of the numbers who choose each of the options for the culminating experience; Chair Heather has asked the Office of Graduate Studies to provide this. Committee members indicated that they would also like this information.

b. Report from Graduate Dean

Dean Newsome reported on two things:

- Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation week will be held April 6-10th and that events can still be added to the calendar.
- The Office of Graduate Studies has started admitting students for those programs whose Deans have submitted projections for graduate enrolment.

c. Report from Statewide Senate

Miller reported that the issue of paired courses is on the Statewide Senate agenda for this week's meeting.

4. Action Items

- a. Nomination of candidate for Chair

The Committee unanimously nominated Heather as a candidate for Chair.

5. Discussion Items

- a. Old Business: Graduate Road Map

A working group had split the road map into two documents. Members discussed and revised these documents.

- b. Old Business: GVAR

The committee deferred discussion.

- c. Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Julian Heather, Chair, GSPC