

**2012-13 FACULTY SENATE
GRADUATES STUDIES POLICIES COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Approved: *October 16, 2012*

October 2, 2012

Members Present: Blanton, Cardenas, Cowan, Hamilton (Chair), Hembree, Kaplan, Miller, Sprott,
Wassmer
Members Absent: Barakatt, Heather (Sabb), Reddick
Guests: Chevelle Newsome (Dean, Graduate Studies)

1. **Call to order:** Called to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.
2. **Minutes of September 18, 2012:** were approved as distributed.

3. Information Items

a. Report from Chair:

- Chair Hamilton read a letter addressed to a reporter at the State Hornet from Ed Barakett in response to a recent article. Chair Hamilton mentioned that her comments to the reporter had been misrepresented.
- Chair Hamilton reported that Geni Cowan's name had been given to Chair Hecsh as a volunteer for the IPP workgroup.
- Chair Hamilton reported that the policy on consultation that GSPC wrote at the September 18th meeting will be coming to the Executive Committee soon.

b. Report on Executive Committee actions:

- No actions were reported.

c. Report on Senate actions:

- No actions were reported.

d. Report on CSU actions:

- No actions were reported.

e. Report from Graduate Dean:

- Dean Newsome reported that graduate admissions for Fall 2013 had opened on October 1st.
- Dean Newsome also reported that the limited Spring 2013 admissions that the campus has been granted cannot be processed until after the November elections.

f. Report on Graduate Advisory Council actions

- No actions were reported.

4. New Business:

• **Credit Hour Definitions:**

- A draft of the credit hour definition (from the student perspective) written by CPC was distributed.
- This is coming out of a federal/WASC mandate. WASC mandates monitoring.

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- The group discussed whether or not 1 unit of coursework at the graduate level is the equivalent to 1.5 units at the undergraduate level.
- The question of quality vs. quantity was discussed, but it seems that WASC has written a policy that focuses on time (quantity).
- There was a discussion of how this would affect paired courses. These are supposed to have differential standards for graduate and undergraduate students. Is this actually happening? If so, how would this policy apply? If we choose to have a separate credit hour definition for graduate courses, we would also need a paired course policy.
- The committee agreed that if we make a policy (similar to the one CPC is working on) we should plan to bring both policies forward to the Senate at the same time.
- Do we need to separate credential, post-baccalaureate, 2BA, grad?
- It was eventually decided that Chair Hamilton would edit the CPC document as discussed by the GSPC (essentially multiplying time spent outside of class by 1.5) and bring the document to the graduate coordinators for their input.
- **Repeat Policy for Graduate Students**
 - When the current repeat policy for undergraduates was passed, no policy was put into place for graduate students. Dean Newsome mentioned that, under these circumstances, the old policy is in place until a new one is established. However, it is difficult (if not impossible) to find the old policy.
 - The committee edited the current undergraduate policy and decided that Chair Hamilton would bring that to the graduate coordinators for their input.
 - The committee decided to set a 6 unit limit on repeats for graduate students. This decision was based partly on setting a limit for graduate students that was proportional to the limit for undergraduate students. It was also based on the current policy for currency which limits students to 6 units.
 - The committee expressed concerns about whether this policy would need to be different for credential, post-bacc, 2BA, Masters and Doctoral students.
 - The committee decided that the 6 units of repeats would NOT include any courses “forgiven” under the academic renewal policy passed last Spring.

8. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Tracy Hamilton, GSPC Chair