



GRADUATE STUDIES POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5 SEPTEMBER 2017

Approved: 19 September 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9am.

ROLL CALL:

Roll was taken.

Voting Members: Barata, Data; Bogazianos, Dimitri; Bradley, Anne; Coleman-Salgado, Bryan (absent); Hayes, Hogan; Lee, Jai; Lindsay, Anne; Lozano, Albert; Topping, Troy; Wassmer, Rob

Non-Voting/Ex-Officio Members: Heather, Julian (absent); Newsome, Chevelle; Nguyen, Jackie

GUESTS: Migliaccio, Todd (Dir. Of Grad Studies)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF ...: No minutes to approve

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

Open Forum: Committee members asked guest Migliaccio (who will be attending in place of Newsome in the future), and Newsome what the status of the Grad Task Force Report was; it was noted that the Report was still in preparation. Committee members also asked when would be best to invite Pres. Nelsen; the Committee agreed that it would be best after the Grad Task Force Report was made available.

Information Items:

1. Report from Chair: Nothing to report other than welcome.
2. Report from Graduate Dean: Nothing to report other than what was discussed during open forum.
3. Report from Statewide Senate: Nothing to report.

Action Items:

1. Election of Vice-Chair: Troy Topping was elected Vice-Chair.
2. Selection of liaison to Graduate Council: Jai Lee was selected as liaison to Grad Council.
3. Selection of liaison to Curriculum Subcommittee: Anne Lindsay was selected as liaison to Curriculum Subcommittee.

Discussion Items:

1. Plans for 2017/2018 legislative actions: Lindsay asked what the official policy was concerning grad students taking undergrad classes for credit but who were not required to do additional work. There was some discussion among members, and a consensus emerged that it would probably be something GSPC as a whole



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could take up this AY. It was suggested that Lindsay present the issue at Grad Coordinators' meeting in order to garner more specific feedback, and then bring the info back to GSPC.

Bogazianos asked if the Committee is interested in pursuing changes to Grad GWAR this AY, which is something GSPC wanted to start last AY, but was not able to get to. Committee members asked why the issue is coming up; Hayes noted that there is inconsistency across programs, causing confusion for students. Both Bogazianos and Newsome also noted that the recent WASC visiting team voiced approval with the Senate's recent creation of a University-wide faculty-led group on Institutional Effectiveness, and that institution-level writing assessment should, and is expected to be, part of that larger conversation. The Committee agreed that having further grad GWAR conversations was important.

The Committee also discussed continuing with last AY's efforts at creating a GSPC Resolution supporting graduate education. Committee members agreed that it would be worthwhile to continue those efforts, and that it would probably be best to wait for the findings of the Grad Task Force Report.

The Committee also discussed whether to take up the issue of aligning the IELTS and TOEFL scores, something Paul Hoffmann from IPGE had presented to GSPC last AY. The Committee generally agreed that revisiting that issue would be worthwhile, with further discussions to be had in the future.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at: 10:10am