



**GRADUATE STUDIES POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2018**

Approved: November 6, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:06.

ROLL CALL:

Roll was taken.

Voting Members: Data Barata, Anne Bradley, Bryan Coleman-Salgado, Jean Gonsier-Gerdin, Julian Heather, Katherine Kelly, Jay Lee, Anne Lindsay (absent), Albert Lozano, David Shimabukuro (absent), Rob Wassmer

Non-Voting/Ex-Officio Members: Chevelle Newsome, Jackie Nguyen, Antonia Peigahi (absent)

GUESTS: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2018: Approved.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

Reports:

1. From the Chair:

- a. The Senate passed the Masters in Public Health proposal and the Senate resolution in support of GSPC's prioritization of the Graduate Education Task Force report recommendations.
- b. Jenni Murphy, Dean of CCE, will attend the November 20, 2018 GSPC meeting.
- c. At its Nov 6, 2018 meeting, the Senate Executive Committee will be looking at proposed policies on (a) an Academic Calendar and (b) Posthumous Award of degrees. Chair Heather will report back to the GSPC about these items.

2. From the Graduate Dean:

- a. The campus is behind schedule on processing Fall Admissions because it is not currently possible to download applications from CalState Apply. The vendor is on campus and currently working on resolving this issue. Concern was expressed regarding possible impact on early admissions.
- b. The Graduate and Professional Celebration Week will be April 2-5, 2019. Programs are encouraged to organize activities during this week.

Action Items:

1. Members voted unanimously to recommend lowering the minimum IELTS score for graduate admissions from 7.0 to 6.5.
2. Katherine Kelly will serve as the GSPC representative on the Course Definition Work Group.



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Discussion Items:

1. International Admissions

Heather noted that in his research on TOEFL/IELTS equivalency, he found that the International Admissions web site lists a third test—the Pearson Test of English (PTE)—as an acceptable demonstration of English language proficiency for international graduate students. Chair Heather shared correspondence with AVP Hofmann about this test. GSPC members asked Chair Heather to invite AVP Hofmann to a future meeting so that they can learn more about the process by which the PTE was adopted by the campus.

2. Finish in Four—Impact on Graduate Programs:

Members discussed the need for the campus to look at the long-term effects of the Finish in Four program, especially regarding eligibility for graduate studies as determined by GPA. Members asked Chair Heather to invite Joel Schwartz to a future GSPC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.