



**GRADUATE STUDIES POLICIES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2018**

*Approved: February 5, 2019*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02.

**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, Albert Lozano (absent), David Shimabukuro, Rob Wassmer

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

**GUESTS:** Jim Dragna, Joel Schwartz

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2018:** Approved.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS:**

**Reports:**

1. From the Chair:

a. Due to the campus closure, guests to GSPC meetings will be rescheduled. Paul Hoffman will attend the February 19, 2019 meeting. CCE Dean Murphy can attend the February 5, 2019 meeting, when the President is also scheduled to attend. Members indicated that they would prefer to allot all of the February 5 meeting to discussions with the President. Chair Heather will work with Dean Murphy to find an alternative date for her visit.

2. From the Graduate Dean:

- a. CalState Apply continues to cause problems.
- b. Programs should contact Dean Newsome if they are organizing events for the Graduate and Professional Celebration Week (April 2-5, 2019).
- c. The Audiology Doctorate has received tentative approval.

3. FPC/GSPC Workgroup:

Nothing to report as the workgroup has yet to meet.

4. Course Definition Workgroup:

Nothing to report as the workgroup has yet to meet.



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## Action Items:

1. GWJ Course Review Subcommittee

Julian Heather, Anne Lindsay, and Bryan Coleman-Salgado volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to review GWJ course proposals.

## Discussion Items:

1. Finish In Four—Impact on Graduate Programs

Jim Dragna and Joel Schwartz provided information about the Finish in Four program, including data on its effect on retention rates and first-year GPA. Schwartz indicated that the campus planned to track GPA over the long term, but noted that there were issues with determining causality. Dragna indicated his willingness to work with GSPC to identify factors the committee wished to track and create a dashboard with that information. Members suggested the following items as a starting point:

- GPA for students in the Finish in Four program, compared to the cohort that entered campus 2 years prior to enacting Finish in Four (including standard deviations)
- Data on the number of hours students work outside of their studies
- Comparison of GPA for Finish in Four students versus other students

Members agreed to invite Dragna and Schwartz to a Spring 2019 meeting to continue this discussion and finalize the data to be included in a GSPC dashboard.

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.

3. Graduate GVAR

Heather shared feedback from Graduate Coordinators on the proposed GVAR revisions. Two main issues were raised:

- The requirement for a writing-enriched curriculum that the two courses be in consecutive semesters; many coordinators suggested that this be amended to two courses completed before advancement to candidacy
- The need for the policy to have adequate lead time before implementation to allow programs to (a) decide between GWJ courses and a writing-enriched curriculum, (b) revise curricula, as necessary, and (c) get approval for curricular revisions.

GSPC will continue working on the policy in Spring 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.