

**2015-16 FACULTY SENATE
GRADUATES STUDIES POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

September 29, 2015

Approved October 20, 2015

Members Present: Bogazianos, Cowan, Heather, Kaplan, La Rocco, Meidinger, Newsome, Pinch

Members Absent: Hamilton, Hembree (Sabb.), Topping, Wassmer (Sabb.)

a. Call to order: Called to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.

b. Open Forum

There were no items for Open Forum.

c. Minutes of September 15, 2015: Approved.

d. Approval of Agenda: Approved.

e. Information Items

a. Report from Chair

President Nelsen met with members of GSPC and the Graduate Council. President Nelsen expressed support for graduate programs. Key points that were raised included a desire to meet with GSPC, a goal of expanding the number of blended programs offered by the campus, and the need for graduate learning goals and a standardized workload policy for graduate faculty.

Senate Executive Committee has taken up the question of the new background check policy. Alan Honeycutt, the Human Resources AVP, attended the September 22 Executive Committee meeting and noted that HR VPs across the system are discussing the implications of the new policy and that VP Lovely will report to the Senate Executive Committee meeting once those discussions are complete.

The Core Competencies Working Group expressed concern that graduate education had no core competencies. Heather and Newsome are working on a plan for assessing graduate writing, which they will present to the Core Competencies Working Group on October 5th and GSPC on October 6th.

b. Report from Graduate Dean

WSCUC Vice President Oberg was on campus September 28th. He informed the Steering Committee that WASC is looking to develop standards and benchmarks for graduate education to be presented to the commission this Fall.

c. Report from Statewide Senate

Nothing to report at this time.

f. Discussion Items

a. New Business: Approval of GWI courses

Members voted unanimously to take responsibility for the review of GWI courses.

b. Old Business: Summit on Graduate Education

Members finalized plans for the summit.

c. Old Business: Graduate GVAR

There was no time for discussion.

d. Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:05 a.m.

Julian Heather, Chair, GSPC