

2015-16 FACULTY SENATE
GRADUATE STUDIES POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES

March 15, 2016

Approved April 5, 2016

Members Present: Bogazianos, Hamilton, Heather, Hembree, La Rocco, Meidinger,
Michaud, Topping, Wassmer

Members Absent: Cowan, Kaplan, Pinch, Vargas

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 March 1, 2016: Approved.

d. Approval of Agenda: Approved.

e. Information Items

a. Report from Chair

The report on the Summit on Graduate Education has been shared with the Executive Committee and the Senate. At Executive Committee, Interim Provost Lee noted that funding for research and conference attendance is very important and that he will be discuss this with Dean Newsome. Interim Provost Lee also indicated that in the past graduate students had not availed themselves of resources that had greater availability; Heather and Pinch had questioned whether students had been made sufficiently aware of the increased availability.

Frank Li, the AVP for International Programs and Global Engagement (IPGE), made a presentation to Executive Committee. He explained his main goal is to increase the number of international undergraduate students on this campus, and that he will attempt to maintain current numbers of international graduate students. However, when asked to name programs with the capacity to absorb increased numbers of international students, all of the examples AVP Li provided were at the graduate level. Members felt that it would be beneficial for graduate programs to have more international students and that IPGE should focus on more exchange programs.

The Duplicate Graduate Degrees policy was passed by the Senate with the addition of extra criteria by which graduate coordinators could petition for admission—quality and accreditation status. The Senate also passed a policy on field trips.

One graduate coordinator contacted Heather to suggest adding definitions of *learning goal* and *learning outcome* to the Graduate Learning Goals Policy. Heather discussed this with Senate Executive Committee, who felt that this was unnecessary. GSPC members concurred with this decision because WASC has already defined these terms.

b. Report from Graduate Dean

Thesis and project submission will be April 25th through May 6th. Graduate Student Appreciation week is April 11-15th, with the majority of events earlier in the week because of the possible faculty strike. The Office of Graduate Studies and the College of Continuing Education are co-sponsoring a career event on April 20th, 1:30-5:30 p.m.

- c. Report from Statewide Senate
No report.

f. Discussion Items

- a. New Business: MQI statement on graduate education

Members reviewed the draft statement on graduate education, which has been prepared by the WASC Working Group on the Meaning, Quality, and Integrity of the Degree. Several suggestions for revisions were made; Heather will forward these to the Working Group chair.

- b. Old Business: Blended Programs Policy

Members reviewed revisions made as a result of discussions at the last meeting and suggested other revisions. Though members acknowledged that the timing of the deadline for applying to blended programs requires further consideration to allow students who switch majors to enter blended programs, they felt the policy was ready for other standing committees to review and asked Heather to forward it to APC and CPC.

- c. Old Business: Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees Policy

There was no time for discussion.

- d. Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Julian Heather, Chair, GSPC

Appendix A