

2014-15 FACULTY SENATE
GRADUATES STUDIES POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES

April 7, 2015

Approved May 5, 2015

Members Present: Cowan, Heather, Hembree, Kaplan, Miller, Newsome, Palaspas, Reddick, Sprott, Wassmer

Members Absent: Adan, Hamilton (sabbatical), May

Guests: Pegahi (Senate Chair)

1. Call to order: Called to order at approximately 8:35 a.m.

2. Minutes of 3-17-15: Approved.

3. Information Items

a. Report from Chair

Chair Heather presented preliminary data on the culminating experience prepared by the Office of Graduate Studies. The data showed that about 45% of students take a comprehensive exam, with the remaining 55% completing a thesis or project. Committee members discussed the implications of this data on assessment of core competencies for WASC reaccreditation.

b. Report from Graduate Dean

Dean Newsome invited members to this week's events for the Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week.

c. Report from Statewide Senate

Nothing to report at this time.

4. Action Items

a. Old Business: Graduate Culture Road Map

Senate Chair, Reza Pegahi, provided feedback about this document. After discussing his comments, the committee voted to send the document forward to the Senate as an information item regarding topics on which GSPC will seek input from the campus in Fall 2015.

b. Old Business: Program Learning Outcomes

The Committee agreed that this document should be integrated into the existing policy on Graduate Learning Goals/Objectives as a revision to that policy. The Committee unanimously approved sending the revised policy forward to the Senate Executive Committee.

c. Old Business: GWAR

The committee decided to focus its efforts for the rest of the semester on developing a rubric for assessing graduate writing. At the April 14th meeting, the committee will discuss the draft rubric developed by Chair Heather.

d. Other Business

There was no other business

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

Julian Heather, Chair, GSPC