

**2014-15 FACULTY SENATE
GRADUATES STUDIES POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

September 16, 2014

Approved October 7, 2014

Members Present: Hamilton, Heather, Kaplan, Miller, Reddick, Sprott, Wassmer

Members Absent: Hembree, May, Thakur

Guests: Newsome (non-voting member)

1. **Call to order:** Called to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.
2. **Minutes of 5-16-14:** Approved.
3. **Information Items**

a. Report from Chair:

Chair Heather reported that:

- The Committee on Committees is reviewing the charges and membership of all Senate committees and subcommittees so that they follow a common template. GSPC will review its charge and membership early this Fall.
- Senate Executive Committee plans to send the Comprehensive Writing Proposal to the Senate piecemeal, which means GSPC does not need to coordinate its work on GWAR with other committees.
- The policy regarding program modification/deletion that the Senate passed in 2013-14 was approved by President Gonzalez over the summer; he also approved two graduate-level program changes for Chemistry.

b. Report from Dean of Graduate Studies:

The focus for the Graduate Office this year will be:

- a. the campus reaccreditation efforts
- b. strategic planning
- c. celebrating graduate and professional students
- d. working with faculty to develop grants to include funds for graduate assistantships

Dean Newsome announced that the Provost's Student Research Showcase will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 28; the Graduate and Professional School Information Day will be October 30, 2014 from 10:00 am to 2:00p.m.; that students will have mandatory violence prevention training, with registration holds

for Spring 2015 for any student who does not take and/or pass the training by October 15, 2014.

c. Report from Statewide Senator Chris Miller:

The Statewide Senate passed changes to Title V changes; the Chancellor's Office has promised further collaboration about these changes. Dean Newsome indicated that there was some concern across the system about the impact of these changes on smaller programs.

4. Election of Vice-Chair: The election was postponed to the following meeting.

5. Discussion: End of Year Report

Chair Heather reported that a proposal regarding a GSPC liaison to the Curriculum Subcommittee has the support of CPC. Hamilton confirmed that Executive Committee also supported the proposal. It will be incorporated in the upcoming changes to committee charges and membership.

GSPC discussed which business to address this year. There was general agreement that the primary focus should be on the meaning, integrity, and quality of the degree and university-wide graduate learning goals since these topics (a) are important to the upcoming WASC visit and (b) will inform and support other business such as the paired-course policy and GWAR.

6. Discussion: ASCSU Resolution AS-3169-14/AA: Designation and Compilation of Course Modalities

Miller reported that this has been passed by Statewide Academic Senate and the Chancellor's office is interested in working on this question. GSPC endorsed the resolution but noted that some campus policies will need to be revised and implementation of the resolution may be logistically difficult.

7. Update and Discussion: GWAR

Committee members agreed that options for students needing assistance need to be identified; Chair Heather agreed to investigate this and report back to the committee. To facilitate this, the committee also agreed that Graduate Coordinators should be canvassed regarding areas where students may need assistance.

8. Other Business: There was no other business.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15

Julian Heather, Chair, GSPC