

**2014-15 FACULTY SENATE
GRADUATES STUDIES POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 7, 2014**

Approved 10/21/14

Members Present: Adan, Hamilton, Heather, Kaplan, May, Miller, Newsome,
Reddick, Sprott, Wassmer

Members Absent: Hembree, Thakur

Guests: Chia-Jung Chung

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

2. Minutes of 9-16-14: Approved.

3. Information items:

a. Report from Chair:

Nothing to report at this time.

b. Report from Dean of Graduate Studies:

The Provost Research Showcase is 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28th.
Please bring your classes to it.

c. Report from Statewide Senator Chris Miller:

Nothing to report at this time.

4. Election of a Vice-Chair

Miller was elected as Vice-Chair.

5. New Business: English 220W proposal

GSPC discussed a proposal from Dan Melzer to allow students who fail the WPG to take English 109W in place of English 220W. The committee unanimously passed the following motion:

GSPC does not recommend approving the substitution of English 109W for English 220W for students who do not pass the WPG. If a student requires an exception to the current GVAR policy, a program should submit to the Graduate Council a plan that addresses how that student's writing will be raised to the level expected of graduate students.

6. Old Business: Meaning, Quality, and Integrity of the Degree

Committee members decided to start addressing this topic by revisiting graduate learning goals and attempting to develop a common set of general learning goals that apply across programs, that could be mapped to program learning goals, and would allow the university to demonstrate the establishment of a graduate culture on campus. Kaplan agreed to research resources on graduate learning outcomes.

Members also suggested:

- the need to clearly differentiate expectations at the masters and doctoral levels
- investigating whether the Office of Academic Program Assessment has data on assessment of graduate programs
- contacting PROC regarding review of graduate programs

7. Other Business: There was no other business.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Julian Heather, Chair, GSPC