



**GRADUATE STUDIES POLICY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17 OCTOBER 2017**

*Approved: 5 December 2017*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

**ROLL CALL:**

Roll was taken.

Voting Members: Barata, Data; Bogazianos, Dimitri; Bradley, Anne; Coleman-Salgado, Bryan (absent); Hayes, Hogan; Lee, Jai; Lindsay, Anne; Lozano, Albert; Topping, Troy; Wassmer, Rob

Non-Voting/Ex-Officio Members: Heather, Julian (absent); Newsome, Chevelle (absent); Nguyen, Jackie

**GUESTS:** Migliaccio, Todd (Dir. Of Grad Studies)

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Approved

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 3 OCTOBER 2017:** Approved

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS:**

**Open Forum:** Migliaccio reported that some depts. are out of compliance concerning grads taking undergrad classes, noting that grads should only be taking undergrad courses that are officially paired. Barata asked why the depts. are out of compliance, and Migliaccio noted that there could be a number of reasons, with most simply being unaware of the policy. Other Committee members seemed to agree. Lee suggested that GSPC create a working group to look at the issue. Other members agreed, and a working group was created with Lozanzo, Topping, Lindsay, and Migliaccio as members.

**Information Items:**

1. Report from Chair: Bogazianos reported that David Earwicker would be meeting with us on 3 November.
2. Report from Graduate Dean: Nothing to report.
3. Report from Statewide Senate: Nothing to report.

**Discussion Items:**

1. Policy Updates:
  - a. *Intellectual Property issues:* members seemed to continue to agree that an intellectual property policy would make sense, but also agreed to discuss the issue further when Earwicker visits the committee.



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- b.** *Co-authoring theses:* a number of members noted that the concept of thesis co-authorship was completely foreign to their disciplines. It was noted, however, that some disciplines have stronger emphases on collaborative work. A number of members also noted that there's often a hierarchical assumption concerning levels of difficulty and rigor between Theses, Projects, and Exams, and wondered whether co-authorship carries a similar assumption of being less rigorous. Members agreed that there should be a similar level rigor between theses, projects, and exams, especially given Title V language that explicitly requires this. Members agreed that the issue should be discussed further, with Lozano noting that he would discuss the issue with his dept, as well as Bogazianos noting that he would look into what other CSUs allow for.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:10am to allow for the time certain meeting of the Grad GVAR working group.