



SACRAMENTO STATE

Faculty Senate

GRADUATE STUDIES POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3 OCTOBER 2017

Approved: October 17, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10am.

ROLL CALL:

Roll was taken.

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 19 SEPTEMBER 2017: Approved

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

Open Forum: Topping noted that IPGE has changed deadlines from Sept 15 to Nov 1, which pushes many other things back as well. Migliaccio noted that the campus deadline is still Sept 15, even though it says “open” on the IPGE website.

Wassmer asked for an update on the Grad Task Force Report; Newsome responded that it is being worked on. Wassmer also asked if on-campus grad programs are allowed to participate in the visiting of off-campus grad programs; Newsome responded that on-campus programs are allowed, but that all programs do have to pay a fee.

Information Items:

1. Report from Chair: Nothing to report.
2. Report from Graduate Dean: Migliaccio reported that he had been talking to the Library about future e-bindings for theses. Newsome reported that we are the one CSU campus that has the possibility of joint theses and projects. Bogazianos noted that this issue seems to intersect with an issue noted multiple times by GSPC in the past: that theses require 2 readers, but projects require only one. Others also agreed that this state of affairs doesn't make perfect sense if theses and projects are required, by law, to represent the exact same degree with same rigor.
3. Report from Statewide Senate: Nothing to report.

Discussion Items:



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1. Work group for grad GVAR:
Bogazianos, Topping, Hayes, Lozano, and Migliaccio volunteered to participate on the workgroup.
2. Institutional-Level Writing Assessment for Graduate and Undergraduate Students:
Discussion focused on what next steps would be. Newsome suggested that both quantitative reasoning and oral communication might be assessed, but that waiting for a definition of quantitative reasoning from the Quant Reasoning Task Force would be helpful in formulating a clearer assessment strategy. Hayes noted that for the future, portfolios would be an easier method for students to access and upload, and for assessment committees to access. Newsome and Hayes will discuss with the committee as efforts progress.
3. Intellectual property and grad ed:
Discussion focused on what the current status quo is concerning grad student ownership of their intellectual property. The committee wasn't completely clear what the status quo was, and members suggested inviting David Earwicker, AVP of the Office of Research Affairs, to speak with the Committee.

Topping noted that, if the Chancellor's intellectual property proposal goes into effect, it would actually wind up pushing away interested private sector partners since the University would appear to be the default owner of everything. Newsome and Migliaccio suggested that policy language would help OGS, and Bogazianos suggested something like a basic default policy that departments would be able to customize for their own goals, and that such a policy could be read by students at the time of signing with their thesis/project chair. Committee members agreed to pursue these ideas in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am