

2015-16 FACULTY SENATE
GRADUATES STUDIES POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES

September 15, 2015

Approved September 29, 2015

Members Present: Bogazianos, Cowan, Hamilton, Heather, Kaplan, La Rocco, Meidinger, Newsome, Pinch, Topping

Members Absent: Hembree (Sabb.), Wassmer (Sabb.)

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

b. Open Forum

There were no items for Open Forum.

c. Minutes of September 1, 2015: Approved.

d. Approval of Agenda: Approved.

e. Information Items

a. Report from Chair

Heather reminded the committee that GSPC will hold an extra meeting at its usual time on Tuesday, September 29th in the Camellia Room of the University Union.

Heather shared two announcements that were made at the Senate retreat: President Nelsen's plans to examine salaries for Teaching Associates and to create new graduate programs, with a specific focus on executive and applied programs; Mike Lee raised the possibility of building graduate housing on campus, perhaps through a public-private partnership.

Heather reported on a discussion with Senate Chair Bowie as follow-up to a question raised by Pinch at Senate Executive Committee regarding the role of graduate education in President Nelsen's 9-point plan.

Heather reported that CPC is currently working on the e-learning policy and will forward it to GSPC once it is ready.

b. Report from Graduate Dean

The Provost's Student Research Showcase at California State University, Sacramento will take place on Tuesday, October 27th, 2015 (1 - 4:30 p.m.) in the University Ballrooms.

WSCUC Vice President Oberg will be on campus September 28th for an open forum to explain the WSCUC process; the forum will be held noon-1 p.m.

c. Report from Statewide Senate

In an email, Statewide Senator Miller informed members that the Academic Affairs Committee is continuing to discuss changes to Title 5 relating to master's programs, and the ASCSU has a resolution in first reading asking for a task force to deal with the

background checks implementation, and requesting that the requirement be suspended until it can be implemented successfully. The resolution will be voted upon in November. Any feedback on the background checks policy can be sent to me and I will forward it to the committee working on the resolution.

Members raised several concerns about the background check policy. Heather will share these concerns with the Executive Committee and report back.

f. Discussion Items

a. New Business: Meeting with President Nelsen

Members brainstormed several items that might be raised when members meet with President Nelsen on September 16th: issues in the oversight and staffing of self-support graduate programs; the need for a clear strategy with accompanying resources to allow graduate programs to remain competitive; the lack of a graduate student center on campus; and the need for vision that would allow Sacramento State to become a leading campus for graduate education in the CSU.

b. Old Business: Summit on Graduate Education

Members continued planning for the summit:

- Members decided that the purpose of the summit was to arrive at concrete recommendations. Any recommendations will need to be validated by consulting stakeholders—especially students—who were unable to attend the summit because of other commitments.
- Cowan announced that she was getting a good response from graduate students to the call for facilitation training; members suggested we would need a total of .
- The largest breakout room should be used for two separate discussions on assessment.
- Members finalized six questions for the breakout sessions, and identified additional materials that will be provided to participants.

c. Old Business: Graduate GVAR

There was no time for discussion.

d. Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.

Julian Heather, Chair, GSPC