

**2015-16 FACULTY SENATE
GRADUATE STUDIES POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

April 5, 2016

Approved April 19, 2016

Members Present: Bogazianos, Hamilton, Heather, Kaplan, La Rocco, Meidinger, Michaud, Pinch, Topping, Wassmer

Members Absent: Cowan, Hembree, Vargas

a. Call to order: Called to order at approximately 8:33 a.m.

b. Open Forum:

Wassmer stated that problems with current “ad hoc” admissions processes are impacting his program’s successful recruitment of students even with early admissions. In particular, he focused on the timeline for identifying the number of admits. Other members expressed concern about emails that go unanswered, delays in updating applicants’ files, and the inflexibility of a one-size-fits-all admissions process. The discussion led to a suggestion that a task force be created to look at graduate admissions. Heather will follow-up with Dean Newsome about these concerns and suggestions.

c. Minutes of March 15, 2016: Approved.

d. Approval of Agenda: Approved.

e. Information Items

a. Report from Chair

- The first reading for the graduate learning goals will be at the April 7th Senate meeting.
- FPC forwarded an amended chairs policy to include new language allowing lecturer participation in election of department chairs. Exec referred to this to UARTP.
- VP Lovely is making a presentation on the background check policy to the Senate on April 7th.
- An amendment to the timely declaration of major policy is also on first reading for the April 7th Senate meeting. GSPC will review whether this amendment affects the blended program policy once the Senate has voted on it.

b. Report from Graduate Dean

Nothing to report.

c. Report from Statewide Senate

No report.

f. Action Items

a. Nomination of Chair for 2016-17

Members unanimously nominated Dimitri Bogazianos.

g. Discussion Items

a. Old Business: Blended Programs Policy

Heather shared feedback from APC on this policy. APC members identified the same concern regarding whether the deadline for applying to blended programs would prevent students who switch majors from entering blended programs, They also asked whether programs in CCE could be part of blended programs; review of the Chancellor's Office coded memorandum revealed that programs have to be in the same support mode.

GSPC members discussed this feedback and decided to make two revisions to the policy before it is reviewed by CPC.

b. Old Business: Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees Policy

Members discussed whether revisions to this policy should include general descriptions of types of doctoral programs, or descriptions of the doctoral programs the campus currently has. After deciding on the former, members worked on revising the policy to include all types of terminal degrees; descriptions of current doctoral programs will be included in the transmittal document.

c. Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:50 a.m.

Julian Heather, Chair, GSPC