

**GRADUATE STUDIES POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

*Approved:*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

**ROLL CALL:**

Roll was taken.

Voting Members: Anne Bradley, Daniel Burghart, Haiquan Chen (absent), Bryan Coleman-Salgado, Jean Gonsier-Gerdin, Julian Heather, Katherine Kelly, Jai Joon Lee, Anne Lindsay, Albert Lozano, David Shimabukuro (absent)

Non-Voting/Ex-Officio Members: Alessandra McMorris (absent), Chevelle Newsome, Adam Rechs (absent)

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Approved

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2019:** Approved

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS:**

**Reports:**

1. From the Chair:
  - a. Nothing to report.
2. From the Graduate Dean:
  - a. The Office of Graduate Studies is preparing for the Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation week, to be held in Spring 2020.

**Open Forum:**

No issues raised in open forum

**Discussion Items:**

1. Honors Policy: GSPC reviewed the edited policy as proposed by CPC and provided comment. Discussion of included discussion of the following issues:
  - a. Dean Newsome explained campus honors programs overall and compared program specific honors to the GE Honors program. She also discussed how honors at the graduate level is different from undergraduate honors processes.
  - b. Joon questioned the need for GSPC to review the policy, asked about honors designations on transcripts, and discussed an interest in creating pipelines for honors students into CSUS graduate programs. He further suggested that without a campus honors college, perhaps a framework or guide



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- should be developed for those programs who want to create honors pathways and to assist students in following an honors track.
- c. Dean Newsome discussed the importance of honors programs as feeders for graduate programs. She further discussed the role of GE Honors and how their stringent requirements are not a good fit for all students. While not all students have strength in GE, some have more strength in their individual major.
  - d. Recommendations were compiled and approved for forwarding to CPC.
2. Academic Program Review Policy: GSPC reviewed the edited policy as proposed by CPC and provided comment. Discussion of included discussion of the following issues:
- a. Lozano praised the clarification on reviewers provided by the new policy
  - b. Members reacted positively to the MOU section of the document, appreciated the allocation of time provided, and felt that the new policy increased efficiency. They felt that the edited policy provided a better chance that reports would not only be produced but used.
  - c. Recommendations were compiled and approved for forwarding to CPC.
3. Undergraduate Degree Unit Minima Policy: GSPC has been asked to create a parallel policy for graduate education. Members reviewed the policy and after extensive discussion wrote policy language which constituted a summary of a number of pre-existing policies including the Paired Courses Policy and Title 5. Given that the resulting policy is redundant to policies already in the University Policy Manual, these revisions will not be included in the Undergraduate Degree Unit Minima Policy as they do not add to existing policy.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at: 10:14 am