

GRADUATE STUDIES POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2020

Approved:

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

ROLL CALL:

Roll was taken.

Voting Members: Anne Bradley (Library), Jai Joon Lee (Strategy & Entrepreneurship, CBA), Albert Lozano (Graduate & Professional Studies in Education, COE), Jean Gonsier-Gerdin (Teaching Credentials, COE), Julian Heather (English, A&L) (Absent), Kitty Kelly (Nursing, HHS), Anne Lindsay (History, A&L), Bryan Coleman-Salgado (Physical Therapy, HHS) (absent), Daniel Burghart (Economics, SSIS), Haiquan Chen (Computer Science, ECS)

Non-Voting/Ex-Officio Members: Alessandra McMorris (CCE), Michelle Fall (Associate Registrar), Chevelle Newsome, Adam Rechs (absent)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2019: Approved

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

Reports:

1. From the Chair:
 - a. Announcement about the faculty senate preference poll.
 - b. Discussion of upcoming workgroups and referrals
 - c. Update on Degree Unit Minima Policy
2. From the Graduate Dean:
 - a. The Office of Graduate Studies is preparing to launch quadrant 4 in Cal State Apply
 - b. The Office of Graduate Studies is working with IRT to make all forms electronic, they will likely be available by midsummer and then will be ready for Fall semester.
 - c. MacNair is looking for applicants for Summer 2020
 - d. Graduate preparatory academy is doing a track on educational opportunity
 - e. The Office of Graduate Studies will be reaching out to graduate coordinators who have submitted their graduate learning goals reports. They will be assessing papers related to disciplinary knowledge.

Open Forum:

No issues raised in open forum

Elections: Daniel Burghart was elected as the new Vice Chair of GSPC, Jai Joon Lee was elected as the GSPC representative for the working group on self-support programs

Discussion Items:

1. Dismissal and Reinstatement Process Policy: GSPC reviewed a referral related to current dismissal and reinstatement practices and a possible new policy. Members were provided with the Senate action from 2005 on readmission for undergraduates to review in preparation. Discussion included the following issues:
 - a. Bradley asked about the current process for readmission in the graduate program. Dean Newsome explained that the Graduate Council conducts reviews on a case by case basis using a procedure that is very similar to the one outlined in the Senate Action.
 - b. Lozano asked for clarification on how graduate students show a pattern of progress for readmission. Dean Newsome explained that students need to explain the conditions for the dismissal and what has changed since that time. She further clarified that department support for readmission and a plan for student success is part of the Graduate Council's decision making.
 - c. Members decided that a policy is warranted for this procedure and that it is best placed in a larger joint policy with undergraduate to centralize both dismissal and readmission procedures. Discussion of other related policies such as the Admissions policy and the Grade Forgiveness policy was part of the larger conversation.
 - d. Members directed the chair to gather and disseminate the following prior to the next meeting in preparation for writing the graduate piece of the policy:
 - i. The Advising Policy that is currently moving through Senate approval
 - ii. The Grade Forgiveness, Academic Standing, and Admissions policies
 - iii. The procedural documents used by the Graduate Council
 - iv. Materials related to current dismissal procedures

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at: 9:48 am.