

GRADUATE STUDIES POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Approved: March 3, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

Roll was taken.

Voting Members: Anne Bradley (Library), Jai Joon Lee (Strategy & Entrepreneurship, CBA) (absent), Albert Lozano (Graduate & Professional Studies in Education, COE), Jean Gonsier-Gerdin (Teaching Credentials, COE) (absent), Julian Heather (English, A&L), 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), Chevelle Newsome, Adam Rechs (absent)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2020: Approved

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

Open Forum:

No issues raised in open forum

Reports:

1. From the Chair:
 - a. Announcement about upcoming senate exec referrals.
 - b. Reminder that the first graduate coordinators meeting of the semester is Friday, February 21.
2. From the Graduate Dean:
 - a. The Office of Graduate Studies is preparing the program for graduate and professional student appreciation week.
 - b. The Office of Graduate Studies in partnership with CTL is launching a series of professional development workshops which begin next week. Applications were well above what was anticipated so the program increased cap and vetting was done to select applicants.

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 extensive documentation from the Office of Graduate Studies relating to their current procedures, CSU policy on graduate



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reinstatement, and current CSU policy on graduate and professional dismissal and reinstatement. Discussion included the following issues:

- a. Kelly expressed support for both sides of the discussion, seeing the advantage of a policy, but also acknowledging the need for flexibility in procedures as all graduate cases are very different.
- b. Dean Newsome directed members to key elements of both the CSU policy and the Sac State policy on Good Standing for Graduate Students and discussed again how the procedures and policies impact the Office of Graduate Studies. The Good Standing for Graduate Students policy from 2011 includes both dismissal and reinstatement.
- c. Lindsay pointed out that the referral seemed to be written with undergraduate policy in mind as it specifically references the Undergraduate Advising policy. There is not a current Graduate Advising policy despite specific requirements that graduate students received advising on financial aid, among other issues.
- d. After review of the current Good Standing for Graduate Students policy from 2011 and EO 1038 from the Chancellor's Office, the committee concluded that no change was needed to the existing policy as nothing has changed to warrant an update. The EO has been in effect since 2008, the Good Standing for Graduate Students policy is more recent than that policy and is effective in current operating procedure.
- e. Members directed the chair to bring forward to Senate Exec the need for a graduate advising policy.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at: 9:36 am.