

2012-13 FACULTY SENATE
GRADUATES STUDIES POLICIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
19 March 2013
Approved: 2 April 2013

Members Present: Barakatt. Blanton, Cowan, Hamilton (Chair), Heather, Hembree, Kaplan, Reddick, Sprott,

Members Absent: Cardenas, Miller, Wassmer

Guests: Chevelle Newsome, Dennis Geyer

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

2. Minutes of 5 March 2013: Were approved.

3. Information items:

- a. Report from Chair:** Chair Hamilton reported that the next Senate meeting (March 19th) will be devoted to GE Reforms. The Repeat Policy and the Graduation with Distinction policy are ready for the Senate and are likely to appear as first reading items on April 4th.

Chair Hamilton reported that CPC continues to work on their proposal and has incorporated some of GSPC's ideas about the credit hour definition; it is still planned that the proposals for the undergraduate and post-baccalaureate policies will appear at the same Senate meeting.

- b. Report on Executive Committee Actions:** Chair Hamilton reported that the Program Discontinuation policy has been edited by the Executive Committee and may be approved to move forward to the Faculty Senate this week; it will appear as a first reading item on April 19th at the earliest.
- c. Report on Senate actions:** No actions were reported.
- d. Report on CSU actions:** Chair Hamilton referred to an email that Miller had sent regarding a statewide Senate resolution on the importance of graduate programs and access to those programs.

- e. **Report from Graduate Dean:** Dean Newsome reported that there is an ongoing discussion about MOOCs and suggested that GSPC should consider how best MOOCs could be used in graduate education. Dean Newsome also indicated that she will forward proposed policy adjustments on the culminating experience to GSPC after Spring break.
- f. **Report on Graduate Advisory Council:** Dean Newsome reported that petitions continue to be processed.
- g. **Other Reports:** Chair Hamilton reminded the committee that Ken Sprott had shared information on a proposed blended BS/MS program, and that the committee would discuss the need for a campus policy for such programs at a later date. Geyer indicated that the policy will need to consider admissions procedures.

4. **Old Business: Credit Hour Definition for Graduate/Post-Baccalaureate Classes**

- The committee continued to edit the credit hour policy.

Julian Heather, Vice-Chair of GSPC