

Graduate Studies Subcommittee Minutes
February 10, 2021

Present: A. Avramchuk (Chair); S. Balan (Vice Chair/EPC Liaison); M. Cho (A&L); A. Osipova (CCOE); M. Shaverdi (ECST); E. Ellis (HHS); K. Bezdecny (NSS) ; M. Ramirez (Lib & SA) C. Flores (Post Bacc Student); A. Beasley (Post Bacc Student); K. Brown (Exec Secretary/Recorder); V. Ramirez (Recording Secretary)

Excused Absence:

Call to Order

- Avramchuk called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m.

Announcements

- EPC Report: C. Flores shared that EPC submitted a memo to Academic Senate requesting a policy for faculty to give students feedback on courses evaluated by the week 5.
- M. Cho encouraged the committee to visit the “con-Text” Exhibition by Bryan Ida it will be the first virtual exhibition held until February 27, 2021 at the Ronald H. Silverman Fine Arts Gallery.
- K. Brown shared that the GRC will be hosting a series of Culminating Experience Workshops during spring 2021. To please visit the GRC website for more information.

Intent to Raise Questions

- K. Bezdecny asked the following question on behalf of the NSS GSS:
 - Cal State LA has a policy that if a student receives all Ws in their first term, they are treated as not matriculated, and not allowed to enroll the following semester without re-applying to Cal State LA. Would it be possible to suspend this policy for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing students to re-enroll the following semester even if they should receive all Ws their first term? (How this might look is a logistical question, but suggestions included leave of absence, deferred admission, free application for (re) admission, “mulligan,” etc.). K. Brown will follow up and M. Garcia and C. Cobb and will give an update at the next meeting.
- C. Flores requested a report of all current graduate students enrolled. ASI is currently working on a memo to request additional Graduate Ambassadors.

Approval of Minutes

- The committee reviewed and approved the minutes 12/9/2020. M/S/P

Approval of Agenda

- The committee reviewed and approved the agenda. M/S/P

Review Open Access to eTheses documents before time certain w/ Dean Rodriguez

- K. Brown directed the committee to CANVAS to review the ETD Publishing Memo that was submitted to the GSS Committee by the previous GRC Coordinator on 9/26/2018. At that time the committee put the proposal on hold since the library was undergoing changes with the platform that houses the eTheses. The committee will be reviewing the document before the time certain with Dean Rodriguez. K. Brown will schedule the time certain with Dean Rodriguez for the next GSS meeting.

Curriculum Update

- K. Brown shared that Curriculum has a new interface. The committee requested a time certain with M. Garcia’s Team to provide an overview of the changes.
- K. Brown shared that she met with the College Dean, Associate Dean, and Department Chair to discuss Communication Studies, M.A. proposal. It was determined that they are in compliance with EC1071. Therefore, we will try to expedite their review of their program modification proposal once it is resubmitted.

Old Business:

- **Repeat Policy for UNIV 9000 project:** The committee reviewed the Continuous enrollment policy from the Faculty Handbook. The Committee Chair requested the location of the existing policy and a numbered outline the continuous enrollment policy to edit and input the proposed changes by the next meeting. K. Brown will provide the document. The committee agreed to work to review and finalize the policy so that it can be forwarded to EPC.
- **Application for Advancement to Candidacy: GS-10 Form:** Tabled to be discussed at next meeting.
- **Graduate Studies Governance Roadshow:** Tabled to be discussed at next meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.