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SUBJECT: Annual Senate Committee Report

Policies/Items completed during 2021-22

- Review and recommendation for approval of several graduate program modification proposals with associated courses and assessment plans
- Policy modifications on additional master's degrees or options within a master's degree (resubmitted with changes from prior year) and on graduate theses and projects
- Consultation on COVID-19-related/emergency implementation of policies affecting graduate students
- Clarification of current practices vs. proper policy implementation via a number of Intents to Raise Question (see the approved and posted minutes of GSS meetings)
- Time-certain appearances and clarifying Q&A sessions with administrators, such as with UGS Associate Dean Garcia on Curriculog, etc.
- Advancement to Candidacy and GS-10 form review to ease the administrative burden on all involved
- Initiated the GSS "roadshow" to engage directly with graduate studies/curriculum committees at all levels at Cal State LA

Ongoing Policies/Items

- Continuous student status and enrollment policies

Future Policies/Items and Recommendations

- Comprehensive exam policy
- GSS charge revision (in discussions with EPC to clarify what GSS needs to review)
- Reconciliation of GPA policy between academic probation and graduation requirements
- Probation and disqualification policy
- Policies/guidelines for the award of graduate scholarships

Feedback and Recommendations

- GSS continues to struggle to complete its work with a tight committee schedule and very limited time together. Expanded meeting time or frequency is still needed to adequately support faculty governance in this space.
- As GSS absorbed all work on graduate-level curriculum, we would appreciate more clarity in naming of the Curriculum Subcommittee (e.g., Undergraduate Studies Subcommittee).