

Graduate Academic Policies Committee
2018 - 2019 Academic Year
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2018
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM 475 Millet Hall

Attendance

John Gallagher (CECS), Suzanne Franco (CEHS), Kathrin Engisch (BSOM), Gary Neider (COSM), David Hall (RSCoB), Bill Rickert (Provost rep), Barry Milligan (Graduate School), Alexander Hix (GSA)

I. Inform members of the GACP committee charge under the faculty constitution

The Graduate Academic Policies Committee is now a standing committee of the Faculty Senate. In the Faculty Constitution, the group has the following charge:

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- a. Graduate Academic Policies Committee charge: The Committee shall study policy areas and make recommendations affecting graduate admissions, curriculum, and academic standards.*
- b. Graduate Academic Policies Committee membership: One (1) faculty representative from each college with a graduate program. A faculty representative may designate an alternate faculty representative who has voting privileges when the regular member is absent. The Dean of Graduate School or designee, the University Registrar or designee, and one (1) graduate student representative (selected by the Graduate Student Assembly) will serve as ex-officio, non-voting members*

II. Discuss required updates to graduate faculty membership policies

Because of both HLC and faculty/program concerns, we need to update graduate faculty membership policies. Some of these concerns could be addressed by making graduate faculty memberships time-limited and subject to renewal. Other concerns (specifically those associated with the differences between classroom privileges as separate from thesis/doctoral supervision privileges) could be solved via other mechanisms. For this item, we need to begin crafting specific language to amend the appropriate policies.

Issues discussed:

- (TET) Regular status
 - Course / topic limits
 - Sunset language
 - 5 years or less (HLC)
 - Every college / program should check the limits of their respective accrediting agencies
 - Chair qualifications
- Adjunct status
 - Name should be changed to 'provisional' or other similar label
- Need for a third 'teaching only' status category

- III. Discussion of and updates to policy documents required by the dissolution of the Graduate Council and the migration of its functions to faculty senate standing committees.** "Graduate Council" is referenced many times in current policy documents (see attached spreadsheet). The policy documents need to be amended. Some of the changes are likely mundane, some may require more detailed review. We need to begin review of each, decide on new language, and approve changes.

Committee action: Bill Rickert and Barry Milligan will review the policies and submit suggested language changes for committee consideration at a future meeting.

- IV. Proposed revisions to export/trade controls compliance policies and travel and shipping and receiving policies**

These are not academic policies and not normally something we would consider. However, they could still have some impact on graduate and research missions. We are asked to note any objections to the contents. If there are, the appropriate administrative offices will work to address them.

Committee action: The committee agreed to review the proposed policy and submit feedback to Dr. Gallagher within one week.

- V. Adjourn** – the committee adjourned at 12:30pm. The next meeting will take place in approximately two weeks with details being finalized via email survey.