

California State University, Stanislaus
Graduate Council
Meeting Minutes **October 22, 2020**
VIRTUAL via Zoom

PRESENT: A. Mayer (chair), K. Baker (chair-elect), D. Bukko, V. Cortez, A. Dorsey, J. Garcia, P. Hauselt, K. Kidd, M. Tiscareno, S. Whitehead, P. Strauss, S. Wooley, S. Ayala, K. Nainby, O. Myhre

GUESTS: J. Bell, L. Bernardo, V. Hernandez, G. Aulak (recording)

- I. Call to Order.** Mayer called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda.** The agenda of October 22, 2020 was approved as distributed.
- III. Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of September 24, 2020 were approved as distributed.

IV. Information, Announcements, Reports

- A.** Hernandez informed Center of Excellence in Graduate Education (CEGE) will have more workshops throughout the academic year. Workshop attendance has varied. Program coordinators should remind students to use CEGE resources. Hernandez will initiate a proposal for graduate writing and share with members.
- B.** Ethnic studies requirement implementation continues as a discussion in University Educational Policies Committee (UEPC) and Academic Senate.
- C.** Brochure Update: Hernandez shared that Helene Caudill was very supportive and helpful. Caudill was very confident in making sure that brochure will be ready as soon as possible for programs to use. It will cost \$20,000 to invest in this process. Caudill will share examples in the next meeting and provide an update. The advertising costs are split between University Extended Education (UEE) and Provost's Office.
- D.** Bylaws of the Graduate Council Amendment. Motion passed with 13 votes in favor. Mayer will share amendment with Faculty Affairs. The Graduate Council membership is in the constitution and Nainby will work on revising this.
 - a. "Ex officio members without vote shall include: the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, the College Deans, the Dean of Library Services, *Dean of University Extended Education and International Education*, and the chief administrative officer of Research and Sponsored Programs."
- E.** A. Mayer shared the survey report with members. Wooley and Hernandez will work on CEGE roles and services. Mayer suggested having two workgroups:
 - a. workgroup 1- plan for ways to support graduate program participation in social justice movement. Volunteers: Suzanne Whitehead, Anysia Mayer, John Garcia, Keith Nainby

- b. workgroup 2- plan for ways to support graduate writing and research AND plan for ways to support for graduate students in the virtual university.
Volunteers: Katrina Kidd, Paul Strauss, Stuart Wooley, Kurt Baker, Victoria Cortez, Santos Ayala, Virginia Montero, Mia Tiscareno

- F. The work groups will be separated into breakrooms from 3-4 p.m. Workgroup will have a point person and report in next meeting. Workgroup members should:
 - a. Identify/clarify their tasks as they understand it,
 - b. Name the workgroup and identify how it is aligned to the charge of GC,
 - c. Create at least one short-term and long-term outcome for the work group.

V. New Business

- A. **Graduate Learning Goals.** Members joined breakout rooms for discussion. A brief summary of each group's discussion was shared. Dorsey shared that for the Academic Program Review, the outcomes were mapped to the graduate learning goals. The graduate learning goals are so broad. The question is if these goals are useful to guide programs and departments. Members agree that the graduate learning goals should be revised if they will be used. A Graduate Dean would oversee the implementation of these goals in programs. Provost Greer and President Junn agree that Graduate Dean is a priority and position will be funded in the future. The university graduate assessment plan exists with the program coordinators and college deans playing a key role in evaluating achievement of these goals. The bullets for goals should be more measurable. Members agree the following graduate learning goals have potential for revisions: two, four, and six. Whitehead motioned and Nainby seconded to revise the graduate learning goals. Mayer asked if council should revise the goals this academic year. Motion passed with 10 votes in favor, 1 against, and 1 abstention.

VI. Tabled Business

- A. Fee Waiver Pilot Program for Teaching Associates. **Deferred.**
- B. Graduate Education Action Plan. **Deferred.**
- C. Course Time Module Scheduling Policy Review. **Deferred.**

- VII. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

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