

GPSEPC

March 21, 2011 and

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### Meeting Notes

March 21, 2011

1. Scott Kier attended the meeting to answer questions about specific sections of the Graduate and Professional Student Guidelines. These sections included the following:

- Under "Guidelines for Student Sponsored Events" para. 2: What is an "officially recognized student organization" at the graduate level, and how would the guidelines apply to students who are over 21 and in graduate or professional programs?
- After discussion, it was acknowledged that there are not currently any "officially recognized student organizations", and that informal events organized within programs would not fall under these regulations. However, it was recommended that the Graduate Council and/or VP for Graduate and Professional Studies consider revising this section so that it is appropriate for any future official graduate/professional student organizations.
- Under "Community Assembly." Paragraph 2: "The College will not officially recognize any student organization, club, or group organized to advocate or promote behavior which is illegal or in conflict with the official teachings of the Catholic Church." The example of the Single Subject Credential program was raised, where the program brings a group of gay adolescent/activists to campus to talk to new teachers. It was clarified that the section under question referred to student organizations, not to presentations that are part of a graduate curriculum. Nevertheless, this again might be a topic for discussion of the Graduate Council in terms of the appropriateness of restricting the formation of particular kinds of student organizations by graduate and professional students

4. Under "Film Policy" "Only films that have been rated G, PG, PG-13, NC-17 or R by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) may be rented with College funds and shown in a College facility. Any film unrated or rated X by the MPAA may not be secured with College funds or shown in a College facility."

The wisdom and utility of this policy was questioned, particularly in an era in which many "films" are being made by amateurs and distributed via You Tube and other electronic media. These films are not rated, nor, typically, are student made films or many educational films. Taken literally, this policy could severely restrict the kind of films or videos an instructor or student organization could show. Recommendation that the policy be revisited and revised by the originators of the policy.

- Under "Involuntary Medical Leave of Absence: Para. 3: "Students who agree or are required to undergo an assessment will be scheduled to participate in a general review

of status by the Health Review Team. “ which, for undergraduates, is made up of “Director of Student Health and Wellness or the Director of Counseling, the dean of Academic Advising & Achievement and the dean of students who serves as the chairperson. In the absence of any individual, a designee may be appointed by the Vice Provost of Student Life. “ The question concerns whether the Dean of Academic Advising, dean of students and Vice Provost of Student Life are the appropriate persons to be involved in a Health Review Team for graduate and professional students. Recommend that the Graduate Council consider this question.

2. Other revisions and corrections would be sent to Chris Sindt.

April 11, 2011

1. The committee formally approved two documents: Provisional Approval Process for New Graduate and Professional Programs and Final Approval Process for New Graduate and Professional Programs. As the guidelines were edited for clarity and nothing was changed in the actual process, the two documents were submitted by Joan Peterson (the Senate Liaison) to the Academic Senate for approval on the Consent Agenda.

2. We spent the remainder of the session drafting new Guidelines for the approval of certificate programs. Most of a draft was completed, with final language to be drafted before the next meeting by Marilyn Abildskov and Laurie Edwards.