



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

Graduate Studies Advisory Committee (GSAC)

MINUTES

Meeting #8 11:00-12:30PM

Thursday, May 20, 2021

11:00: Called Meeting to Order – Chair, Dina Perrone

11:02: Reviewed and Approved Minutes; introduced new members of GSAC

11:03-11:04: Review and Approved Agenda

11:05-11:09: Welcome new members

11:07-11:15: Announcements

- Incoming Graduate Student Orientation – August 6th (virtual, 1-3:15 pm)
- Incoming and Exit Grad Student surveys: now all students graduating spring will get exit survey and all students beginning programs in fall will get incoming survey
- Cal State Apply Upgrade; after Committee meeting additional information will be provided; in summary, more options in Quadrant 4; no more personal statement as part of the regular application
- GSAC Annual Report Due July 1 to Academic Senate (all committees and councils do one)

11:15-11:20: Finalized Master’s Programs Culminating Activity Policy Draft

- o “...In programs with multiple culminating activity options, once a student has attempted the comprehensive exam or been evaluated on the thesis or project, they may not change from one option to another except under extenuating circumstances and with the approval of the graduate advisor, Dean or designee, and the Dean of Graduate Studies...”
- o Changed language to: Some master’s programs allow students a choice between culminating activity options. Others require both a final comprehensive examination and either a thesis or project. In programs with multiple culminating activity options, once a student has attempted the comprehensive exam or been evaluated on the thesis or project (e.g., submitted final draft for review, completed oral defense), they may not change from one option to another except under extenuating circumstances and with the approval of the Graduate Advisor, Dean or designee, and the Dean of Graduate Studies.

11:21-11:25: Vote on Final Master’s Programs Culminating Activity Policy to recommend policy; 13 voted to approve (unanimous)

11:25-11:30: Discussed Preparation for September Meeting

- Reflect
 - What is the meaning of a graduate degree?
 - What does it mean to have a graduate degree from CSULB?
- Review and Provide Feedback
 - Updated (draft) of the Requirements for Master's Degrees Policy

11:30: Adjournment

Next GSAC meeting: Thursday, September 16, 2021, 11-12:30pm