

**Graduate Council Policy Committee**  
**October 11, 2017 • 10:30 am • MH 395 E**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Deborah Altomare (COM), Karen Aroian (CON), Ven Basco (Library), Qian Hu (COHPA), Bobby Jeanpierre (CEHP), Tracy Jones (CGS Liaison), Zhe Liu (COS), Jim Moharam (Optics, Chair), Andrew Randall (CECS), Mathilda Van Niekerk (RCHM) and Christopher Atkinson (GSA)

**Guests Present:** Foard Jones (COB), David Hagan (COP), Jesse Mendez (CEHP) John Weishampel (CGS) and Devon Jensen (CGS)

**Recorder:** Michele Pozdroll

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**Welcome and call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am by committee chair Dr. Moharam

**General business**

Minutes approved from September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Delete partial language in 7 year time to degree language:**

This item was discussed at the Graduate Associate Dean's meeting and the last policy meeting. Dr. Moharam announced he attended the faculty steering as the liaison for the graduate council and there was some push back with Humanities regarding this, as their average time frame for Ph.D is 6.9 years. Humanities part-time students would also have an issue, as the 7-year rule does not exist at all. Dr. Moharam suggested they should contact their Associate Deans who should attend the next policy meeting, as this would be a major change for Humanities. Tracy discussed they are aware that some student would be impacted negatively and some students would need to be grandfathered in and will be taken care of on a case by case basis. Tracy showed the committee the draft languages for both Ph.D and Master's for discussion and feedback. The updated draft language will be presented back to the Graduate Associate Deans and Dr. Klonoff for further review. Additional input from the Associate Deans and collections of data will be presented at the next meeting.

**Stopping the clock for approved leave of absences:**

There was a discussion and was decided at the next meeting to bring the new language for discussion and vote on the special leave of absence. One question asked was should we have a policy about stopping the clock? Yes, the language should be changed so the students will become more proactive. The appeals committee will be very busy if there is not a policy.

**Conclusion:** Next meeting bring both agenda items back to the committee with the new languages for discussion and vote on.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35am. The next meeting will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am in MH 395 E.