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**ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
**Thursday, August 31, 2017, 2:00 P.M.**  
**111 Student Services Building**

Attendees: Maria Stehle (Chair), Mary Albrecht, Mehmet Aydeniz, Sergio Bedford (GSS President), Eric Boder, Julie Bonom, Lars Dzikus, Jennifer Morrow, Reza Seddighi, Dixie Thompson

The meeting was called to order by Maria Stehle at 2:00 p.m.

Dixie Thompson reviewed the summer work done in the Graduate School to implement APC changes from last year. This includes:

- The new process for graduate certificates
- The new process for using iThenticate

Dixie Thompson reviewed the 3 working groups she chaired this summer.

- A working group (Yvonne Kilpatrick – chair) to investigate issues related to students for whom English is not the primary language.
- A working group (Ernest Brothers – chair) to consider changes to the process for credentialing faculty to chair dissertation committees.
- A working group (Mary Albrecht – chair) to examine the layout and content of the Academic Policies and Procedures section of the Graduate Catalog.

The APC will take up the issue of examining policies for students that do not have English as the primary language. Yvonne Kilpatrick led the summer working group. She will bring the issue and discussion to the APC for their consideration. Data was collected that may be useful in deliberations. Input from campus will be important. The needs of students will be an essential component of the discussion.

The working group looking at Graduate Catalog revision will continue its work. Mary Albrecht will bring sections as they are completed to the APC for their insight. All policy changes are the purview of the APC, so no changes in policy will be implemented without working through the APC. However, some rewriting for clarity sake will occur without intimate oversight by APC. Albrecht will share rewrites with the APC so that the entire process is handled with transparency.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie Thompson  
Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School

**JOINT MEETING REPORT**  
**ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, August 31, 2017, 3:00 P.M.**  
**111 Student Services Building**

Attendees: Maria Stehle (APC chair), Amy Broemmel (Credentials chair), Mary Albrecht, Mehmet Aydeniz, Sergio Bedford (GSS President), Chad Black, Eric Boder, Julie Bonom, Nuria Cruz Camara, Lars Dzikus, Jens Gregor, Jim Larson, Mohammad Mohsin, Reza Seddighi, Dixie Thompson

The meeting was called to order.

Dixie Thompson described the efforts of the summer working group to gather information related to the credentialing of faculty to chair dissertations. The complexity of the issues was discussed. The work will now shift to the APC and Credentials Committees.

It was determined that Amy Broemmel, Chad Black, Eric Boder, and Lars Dzikus will take the information collected by the summer working group and begin to craft an outcome to take to both the APC and the Credentials Committee for consideration.

It was recommended that, prior to taking any policy changes forward to the Graduate Council, campus-wide listening sessions be held to vet proposed changes. The level of attention that this issue is raising on campus indicates the importance of gathering input prior to moving forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie Thompson  
Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School