

**Minutes**  
**Graduate Academic Affairs Committee**  
**September 13, 2019**

**Members in Attendance:** A. Trees, R. Hindi, J. Curley, C. Harper, J. Haugen, H. Bednarek, S. Hamrick, M. McCormick, S. Mudigonda, A. Donaldson, M. Pousson, A. Rellegert, A. Schnell, D. Stallings, A. Sebert-Kuhlmann, S. Sanchez, T. Breithach, and R. Wood

**Call to Order:** R. Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

**Guest:** Bert Barry

Bert Barry stopped by briefly to give everyone heads up regarding an issue with the Saudi Arabian Consulate. They are trying to dictate what student's thesis papers need to be on. Very specific. This is unacceptable. Bert has been working with many to draft a statement stating we certainly welcome students sponsored from SACUM however we can't accommodate narrowly prescribed for thesis. This is just a FYI just in case students come to you or your faculty regarding this issue. If you have any questions or concerns you can reach out to Bert via email at [bert.barry@slu.edu](mailto:bert.barry@slu.edu)

**Annual Accreditation Training:** Steve discussed several different points about Accreditation. One presentation discussed the 5 different criteria. The other presentation talked and defined Accreditation. Both presentations Marleen shared via email with the committee.

**Program Closure for Adulthood Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Program:** Dr. Wood explained that the Interim Dean of School of Nursing would like to close this one program. No discussion. Called for motion to approve – everyone in favor. Unanimously.

**Bylaws:** Dr. Wood advised bylaws are out on the website.

**Registrar Policies:** Jay reviewed the process how policies are brought to GAAC and the approval process. Jay will be writing a few policies in the next few months (IP grades, time to degree etc.), then will bring them to the appropriate committees for discussions to hopefully get approvals by January. Jay asked for everyone to listen to any questions/concerns about the first attendance policy that is now in effect.

**Marketing new grade Programs** – April gave a brief update. If you have marketing people in your unit, April advised then you don't need to worry about this, however if you don't have marketing people in your unit then this will concern unit. April considering templates with MARCOM. Jay advised that you can create marketing materials from the catalog.

**Announcements:**

- Next Meeting: October 11, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 am