**Graduate Programs Council**

**Minutes for April 17, 2013**

**Present:** Matthew Hall, Shridevi Rao, Stuart Roe, Lisa DeMarsico, Kelly Fischer, Marcia Blicharz

**Excused:** Brenda Leake, Claire Lindberg, Melissa Pieller, Cassandra Jackson

Minutes recorded by Lisa DeMarsico

1. **Minutes April 3, 2013**

Unable to approve.

1. **Comprehensive Exam Policy**

GPC revisited Comprehensive Exam Policy edits and discussed approximately 5-year history. Rao stated that GPC had developed the policy and sent it to CAP. Cap sent it back to GPC. GPC then made revisions and returned it to CAP. It is now back with GPC for final revisions. GPC members suggested changes to language to include culminating experience and exam options. Blicharz suggested we do not add specific waiver requests. Council agreed. Hall said he would send it to GPC list serve for approval, then to CAP with revisions.

1. **Comparator List**

GPC discussed the need to finish the comparator list for group to take test survey. Feedback should be provided to Matt Hall to resend to GPC list for final updates. Once done will focus on specific highlights across the board.

1. **Survey**

Hall said he would send the survey to GPC list so all members can take test survey. This will provide Council with an idea of how long the survey will take and if changes need to be made. All feedback should be back to Matt Hall by Monday, April 22nd. Once feedback is received, we will move forward and try to roll out to students before end of semester.Marcia Blicharz asked why Council developed survey. It was explained that the purpose of the survey was twofold - to assist with our work on the comparator list and for our own purposes to enhance graduate student experience.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa De Marsico