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SUBJECT: Annual Senate Committee Report

Policies/Items completed during 2023-24

- Review and recommendation for approval of several graduate program modification proposals on Curriculum with associated courses and assessment plans.
- Policy modifications on the Graduate Admission Process for Athletics (i.e., Extended Deadline Consideration for Graduate Applicants in NCAA Athletics Programs).
- Review and removal of the policy on the Graduate Writing Requirement (GWAR)
- Collaboration with EPC on the modification of Graduate Theses and Projects Policy
- Request to award additional non-resident tuition fee waivers update
- Policy updates on the 4+1 Blended Programs

Ongoing Policies/Items

- Review and recommendation for Grade Forgiveness Policy for Graduate Students (repeat/delete)
- Review and recommendation for TA/GA Fee Waivers (revision of former efforts)

Future Policies/Items and Recommendations

- Comprehensive exam guidelines
- Reconciliation of GPA policy between academic probation and graduation requirements
- Probation and disqualification policy
- Policies/guidelines for special recognition in graduate studies

Feedback and Recommendations

- GSS meetings are currently conducted in the online modality. The committee suggested to run the first meeting of the semester in person in order to improve team cooperation and communication between the members.
- As GSS absorbed all work on graduate-level curriculum, we would appreciate more clarity in naming of the Curriculum Subcommittee (e.g., Undergraduate Studies Subcommittee).