**Graduate Programs Council**

**Minutes**

**November 4, 2015**

**1:30 – 2:50 p.m.**

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**In Attendance**: S. Hydro, S.Z. Carroll, M. Hall, L. Ortiz-Vilarelle, C. Rajam,

**Not in Attendance**: G. Seaton, E. Ball, D. Hallback

**Excused:** A. Amtzis, C. Kartoz

Minutes prepared by Matthew Hall

There was no quorum for this meeting.

1. **Review of October 21 minutes – due to lack of quorum minutes will be approved electronically.**
2. **Review of culminating experience policy – will be voted on electronically**
	* Proposed Action: update the policy links to reference the current grade appeals policy instead of the previous policy
	* Discussion: future directions for GPC to examine the culminating policy across graduate programs including purpose of the experience, exploring new possibilities for culminating experiences, and faculty load related to culminating experiences.
	* Potential directions: plan a retreat for graduate coordinators to review program outcomes and alignment with culminating experiences
3. **Report from Graduate Studies**
* Reminders about registration and summer courses abroad
* Several articles about new NJ laws that created an endorsement for “Teacher Leader” were shared
1. **Review of Shared Documents to help create list of distinguishing characteristics of graduate programs at TCNJ**

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Hall