MINUTES Graduate Studies Committee October 21, 2015

Present: Director Finger; Professors Bryant, DeSimone, Mazza and Peloso

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.
- 2) The committee approved the minutes from the meeting on September 16, 2015.
- 3) Professor DeSimone did a special thank you to Professor Mazza for being so helpful and representing the committee at the October senate meeting.
- 4) In the absence of a quorum, the committee discussed proposals from the following departments and decided to send them to the senate for approval, pending specific revisions for some proposals:

Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences

• Multiple course withdrawals

Department of Earth, Environmental and Geospatial Sciences

Course changes: GEO 601

Continuing Education

- MA Program in Liberal Studies course changes: MLS 701; 702; 703; 704; 795; 797
- 5) Lastly, once again, the committee discussed the need to replace positions in the Office of Graduate Studies. Director Finger discussed this issue briefly and said that having additional staff would increase opportunities for new graduate program development and provide support for other important graduate initiatives.
- 6) Please let the minutes reflect that although Prof. Haghighat could not attend the meeting, she did provide Prof. DeSimone with feedback on the proposals prior to the meeting.
- 7) The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Janet P. DeSimone, Chair