Attendance: Jorge Sousa (Chair), Debbie Feisst, Rebecca Sockbeson, Areej Alshammiry, Joe da Costa, Sara Carpenter, Heather Kanuka, Cora Weber-Pillwax, Kenrick Stewart, Darcy Wolfspirit

Regrets: Alex Da Costa

1. Approval of Agenda: November 6th, 2019
   Motion: S. Carpenter moved to approve the agenda.
   Seconded by H. Kanuka………………………………… CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes: October 9th, 2019
   Motion: H. Kanuka moved that the October 9th, 2019 minutes be approved.
   Seconded by J. da Costa……………………………….CARRIED

3. Business arising from the October 9th, 2019 Minutes
   J. Sousa talked briefly about the application stats for GAC and referred to the attached Application Stats for GAC document. The committee felt there needed to be a lengthier discussion. A. Alshammiry asked if there was any data existing that would show the student's performance. J. Sousa asked the committee to send him any resources in preparation for the discussion around application stats.
   Action: Discussion to be revisited in January 2020 GAC meeting.

4. Library Report from D. Feisst--+
   ✦ University Libraries has been renamed to University Library.
   ✦ Student Publishing opportunities
   ✦ Herbert T. Coutts Library has hired a 6 month sessional as librarian.
   ✦ The new UofA Digital Scholarship Centre (DSC) located in 2-20 Cameron Science & Technology Library is a research and teaching support service that offers many resources for Graduate students and Faculty such as free workshops, podcasting, webinar equipment, 3-D printers and scanners, a tabletop computer and high-performance computers for analyzing complex data.
   ✦ For open journal help contact D. Feisst

5. Changes to English Language Proficiency requirements
   J. Sousa spoke briefly about FGSR changes to English Language Proficiency requirements. To date, there has been one MELAB test and no Pearson test used as application.
   Action: Updated scores on the department website
6. Calendar Change Get and PD

**Motion:** J. da Costa moved approve the calendar change.
**Seconded** by K. Stewart.................................CARRIED

J. Sousa talked about the new PD requirements from FGSR to be implemented in the 2020 calendar year and whether to put ethics requirements on the calendar. Some of the comments from the committee were; PD requirements are quite generic and therefore, should EDPS create their own taiylored requirements?

7. Doctoral Professional Development Requirement Update

J. Sousa talked about the application requirement and a proposed process plus he submitted a couple of forms for the committee to view that might aid the supervisor and student for recording purposes. SLIS already has a draft PD activities form. Committee discussed concerns such as; added workload for staff and students but it doesn't look like the new process will be onerous. J. Sousa acknowledged and thanked J. da Costa for his expertise and input to this process.

J. da Costa brought up the question about possible wavers and whether or not the 3 SLQS courses and other courses that could be used to wave PD.

**Tabled:** Discussion to continue in February 2020 GAC meeting.

8. EDPS 900 Capping Exercise Update

J. Sousa reported he is exploring ways for the capping exercise and library release forms and a form will be available on google forms by the next GAC meeting and the process finalized in January.
+ e-mail to take down
+ Students to upload
+ Open access and searchable
+ Community outreach and information strategies

9. Other Business: None

10. S. Carpenter moved to adjourn, J. Sousa adjourned the meeting at 11:30pm.

11. **Next** meeting: 2:00 pm on January 5, 2020.