The GSAS Executive Committee met five times during the academic year 2009-2010: September 3, 2009, September 16, 2009 (special session regarding “academic policy”), December 1, 2009 (special session regarding Tina Johnson, IDOC), January 27, 2010 and May 26, 2010.

The committee consisted of:
- Lynne Pepall, Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- Martha Pott, Chair, Child Development
- Richard Chechile, Psychology
- Barbara Grossman, Drama
- Joseph Litvak, English
- Sara Lewis, Biology (substitute for Michael Reed)
- Krzysztof Sliwa, Physics
- Charles Sykes, Chemistry

The primary function of the GSAS Executive Committee is to review requests for leave of absence, extension of time, transfer of outside courses and approval of Tufts undergraduate courses for graduate credit and decide upon. The committee reviewed and decided upon:

1. Three (3) leaves of absence
2. Eighteen (18) extensions of time
3. Fifteen (15) outside transfers of credit
4. Eighteen (18) Tufts undergraduate courses for graduate credit
5. One (1) withdrawal

The new “Parental Leave” form was finalized and included in the Graduate Student Handbook effective fall 2009. The decision was made to allow students one semester of parental leave and to allow access to Tufts email and Tisch Library.

A “special session” meeting was held on September 16, 2009 to discuss “academic standing.” The goal of the committee was to achieve a better understanding of academic “judicial” policy. After much discussion with the GSAS Executive Committee and the Policy and Programs Committee the final revised version of “academic standing” was sent to Tufts academic counsel for review and approval. We expect to include the new version in the Graduate Student Handbook effective fall 2010.
On December 1, 2009 the committee met again in “special session” to discuss a student in the Interdisciplinary Doctorate (IDOC) program. The assessment and final decision of both the GSAS Executive Committee and the IDOC Committee (consisting of: Susan Ernst, David Guss, Robin Kanarek, Sheldon Krimsky and Steve Marrone) was the student’s progress was not satisfactory. The student was officially withdrawn by the dean in February 2010.

Martha Pott, Child Development, will continue as chair of the committee for academic year 2010-2011.

Barbara Grossman and Krzysztof Sliwa will both be on sabbatical fall 2010 and spring 2011. Replacements will be selected.

Respectfully submitted,

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Martha Pott, Ph.D.