

Minutes

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

March 18, 2009

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Graduate School, GLC, Conference Room

Present: Ms. Megan Armbruster, Dr. Don Leo for Dr. Richard Benson, Dr. Paul Deck, Dr. Karen DePauw, Dr. François Elvinger, Dr. Joe Eska, Mr. James Freeman, Ms. Laura Freeman, Mr. Thomas Gorman, Dr. Kumar Mallikarjunan, Ms. Penny McCallum, Ms. Margaret Merrill, Dr. Patrick Miller, Dr. Sue Murrmann, Dr. Kerry Redican, Dr. Cliff Shaffer, Ms. Hannah Swiger

Absent with Notification: Dr. Eileen Hitchingham, Dr. Thomas Martin, Ms. Amanda Olejarski

Absent without Notification: Dr. Ron Daniel, Dr. Michael Mortimer, Ms. Evelyn Richardson

Visitors and Invited Guests: Ms. Linsey Barker, Dr. Charlene Eska, Ms. Monika Gibson, Mr. Clayton Loehn, Ms. Ennis McCrery, Ms. Jacqueline Nottingham

Dr. Paul Deck, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes from February 18 and March 4, 2009: Approved.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC): Approved minutes from February 12th (addendum) and February 26th, 2009 were approved.

Graduate Student Appeals: No report.

Degree Requirement Standards Criteria and Academic Policy (DRSCAP): The committee continues to discuss whether or not a graduate student on assistantship may seek outside [VT] work to supplement his/her income.

Other Reports

Graduate Student Assembly (GSA):

The next meeting is on Thursday, and they are getting ready for Graduate Education Week. Their big event is the Research Symposium on March 25th. Judges are still needed in the science and engineering fields.

Graduate Honor System (GHS): Mr. James Freeman, Chief Justice of the Graduate Honor System, introduced Dr. Charlene Eska and Mr. Clayton Loehn, members of the GHS constitution review committee. They presented the revised constitution to the commission for a first reading. Revisions included:

- The addition of “Facilitated Discussion” as an for resolution of an alleged violation
- The addition of the “Investigative Board Waiver”
- The addition of the F# penalty option
- Change name of “Investigators” to “Associate Judges”
- Time-frames have been made congruent throughout
- The addition of the “Obligations of Parties Indirectly Involved in Honor Cases”

The revised constitution will be an item on an upcoming University Council agenda.

University Library Committee (ULC): No report.

University Council: Dr. Paul Deck reported that the resolution on Defending Student Status will be on the agenda of the next [March 30] University Council meeting for a second reading. He hopes to add the resolution on accelerated UG/G programs to the agenda of the March 30th meeting, as well.

Old Business:

Fair Use

Dr. DePauw reviewed items in the packet handout entitled “Virginia Tech Fair Use Analysis Detail”, and posted on Blackboard. Included in the handout were examples of items that could and couldn’t be used under “fair use”. Sample questionnaires illustrated several varying outcomes for a figure, a chart, a poem, and a survey. The commission discussed some possible clarifications for the fair use tool, and the document will be returned to the author(s) for a few edits.

Accelerated Undergraduate / Graduate Degree Programs

The commission reviewed the proposal and suggested a few minor changes. After the edits are incorporated into the resolution, the resolution will be forwarded to University Council.

New Business:

The commission elected Dr. Patrick Miller as chair, and Dr. Joe Eska as vice chair for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Announcements:

Dr. DePauw reminded the commission that Graduate Education Week is March 23-27, 2009.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Nancy B. Feuerbach, on behalf of

Dr. Karen P. DePauw, Vice President and Dean for Graduate Education