

Minutes

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

April 7, 2010

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Ms. Betsy Brucker, Dr. Don Leo for Dr. Richard Benson, Ms. Kimberly Carlson, Dr. Carolyn Copenheaver, Dr. Paul Deck, Dr. Karen DePauw, Ms. Laura Freeman for Mr. Jonathan Duggins, Dr. François Elvinger, Dr. Joe Eska, Mr. Jeff Feaga, Dr. Tom Grizzard via videoconference, Mr. Mark Halsey, Dr. Kumar Mallikarjunan, Dr. Tom Martin, Ms. Michelle McLeese, Dr. Patrick Miller, Dr. Kerry Redican, Dr. Susan Short via videoconference, Dr. Aaron Purcell, Ms. Hannah Swiger, Dr. Robin Panneton for Dr. Daniel Wubah

Absent with Notification: Dr. Eileen Hitchingham, Dr. Suzanne Murrmann, Dr. Cliff Shaffer

Absent without Notification: Mr. Reghu Anguswamy

Visitors and Invited Guests: Ms. Rebecca French, Ms. Ennis McCrery

Dr. Patrick Miller, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the agenda: Approved with one correction.

Approval of the minutes from March 17, 2010: Approved.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC): The minutes from March 25th were approved.

Graduate Student Appeals: No report.

Graduate Student Relations: Dr. Karen DePauw reported that the newly formed committee has met and Dr. Madeline Schreiber is the chair. The committee will be reviewing the “expectations” document and will make recommendations by December 2010.

DRSCAP:

Dr. Mallikarjunan reported that the committee had discussed issues related to part-time students but found no real areas of concerns.

Other Reports

Graduate Student Assembly (GSA):

Ms. Michelle McLeese reviewed recent activities of the GSA:

- The 26th Annual Research Symposium was very successful, with 216 presenters and a keynote speech by a Nobel Laureate, Dr. Andrew Weaver.
- Delegates have approved a statement in response to Attorney General Cuccinelli’s statement.
- There will be a transportation and parking forum to address student concerns on April 28th, 7:00 pm, Squires Student Center.
- Deepu George is the new graduate student representation to the Board of Visitors.
- The next meeting will be April 22, 2010.

Graduate Honor System (GHS): Ms. Kim Carlson reported that there had been one referral this semester. Currently Ms. Carlson is working with a group of students to develop an online course about the honor system. Dr. Deck suggested that the course be beta-tested against international students.

University Library Committee (ULC): No report.

University Council: Dr. Joe Eska reviewed activities of the University Council:

- Approved: M.A. in Material Culture and Public Humanities
- Tabled: Resolution Regarding the Name Change of the College of Natural Resources to the College of Natural Resources and Environment.

Graduate School Update:

Dr. DePauw described several items of interest:

- The Board of Visitors approved (1) the stipend grid for graduate students and (2) 87.5% coverage of their health insurance premium. The funding source of the stipend must also cover the health insurance premium.
- The graduate commencement speaker is Stefan Bieri, an internationally recognized consultant specializing in scientific evaluation and intellectual property. Dr. Richard Crowder will receive the Graduate Alumni Achievement Award.
- NCR's commencement is May 16, 2010.
- The deadline for submission of accelerated program proposals was April 1st. Seventeen programs have been submitted.
- Top Secret Research: We will be determining new procedures to comply with top secret research restrictions. This could, for example, impact committee membership and theses review and publication. Dr. DePauw will bring the conversation to the commission when more information is available.

Old Business

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs (CAPFA) Meeting: Dr. Miller and Dr. DePauw met with the commission. They clarified issues related to the Ph.D. residency requirements and answered questions about the graduate catalog.

New Business

"F" in research hours: The registrar's office has asked if we would like to make "F" a grade option for research credits. Following discussion, the commission agreed they did not want an "F" grade option for research credits.

Announcements:

The commission needs to elect a new chair and vice-chair.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Nancy B. Feuerbach, on behalf of
Dr. Karen P. DePauw, Vice President and Dean for Graduate Education