

Minutes

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

April 21, 2010

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Ms. Betsy Brucker, Ms. Kimberly Carlson, Dr. Carolyn Copenheaver, Dr. Paul Deck, Dr. Karen DePauw, Mr. Jonathan Duggins, Dr. François Elvinger, Dr. Joe Eska, Ms. Catherine Tredick, Dr. Tom Grizzard via videoconference, Mr. Mark Halsey, Dr. Kumar Mallikarjunan, Dr. Tom Martin, Ms. Michelle McLeese, Dr. Patrick Miller, Dr. Suzanne Murrmann, Dr. Kerry Redican, Ms. Penny McCallum for Dr. Susan Short, Dr. Aaron Purcell, Dr. Cliff Shaffer, Ms. Hannah Swiger, Dr. Robin Panneton for Dr. Daniel Wubah

Absent with Notification: Dr. Eileen Hitchingham

Absent without Notification: Dr. Don Leo for Dr. Richard Benson, Mr. Reghu Anguswamy

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

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

Approval of the agenda: Approved with one addition. Under “Old Business”, a discussion of the e-mail from the Faculty Senate concerning graduate student employment was added.

Approval of the minutes from April 7, 2010: Approved.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC): The minutes from April 8th were approved.

Graduate Student Appeals: No report.

Graduate Student Relations: No report.

DRSCAP: Dr. Kumar Mallikarjunan reported that at the last DRSCAP meeting the committee discussed the issue of students earning a second master’s degree in the same field. The committee decided to take no action. There is currently not a policy that prohibits this practice.

Other Reports

Graduate Student Assembly (GSA):

Ms. Michelle McLeese reviewed recent activities of the GSA:

- The executive board is transitioning
- New program chairs have been appointed
- At the last cabinet meeting members will update each other. Some key issues are: fees, health insurance, transitioning of Board of Visitors’ representatives, transportation and parking (forum next week), relay for life (approximately \$535,000 raised), more student involvement with sustainability plan

Graduate Honor System (GHS): No report.

University Library Committee (ULC): No report.

University Council: Dr. Miller gave updates the on the following resolutions:

- First Reading: *Resolution to Commission on Graduate Studies and Polices Requesting an Additional Voting Seat for a Representative from the Graduate Student Assembly*
- First Reading: *Policy related to Additional Employment by Graduate Students with Full-Time Assistantship Contract*
- Second Reading and Passed: *Name Change of the College of Natural Resources to the College of Natural Resources and Environment*

Graduate School Update:

Dr. DePauw reviewed recent Graduate School activities.

- An agreement was signed to move the electronic signature project forward. The process should take 62 days to complete.
- By August, electronic e-mails will replace letters of acceptance and rejection.
- She is working with Bob Walters and Erv Blythe on the formation of a committee to look at a scholarly repository, a workspace for research and scholarship. She hopes to have more information for the commission in the fall.
- This Friday, the Board of Visitors Executive Committee is meeting to consider tuition

Old Business

Policy related to Additional Employment by Graduate Students with Full-Time Assistantship Contract: Dr. Deck presented the request from the Faculty Senate urging the commission to change the wording in the resolution as follows:

from

“students seeking additional employment *should* consult with their academic advisors”

to

“students seeking additional employment *must* consult with their academic advisors”.

Dr. Martin explained that the senate was concerned that a student’s outside employment might negatively impact the faculty member’s relationship with an external funding agency. Following discussion, a motion was made to withdraw the resolution should an amendment be proposed to change the language from “should” to “must”. The motion was approved.

New Business

The commission voted to approve the resolution *Discontinuance of M.S. and Ph.D. in Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management* with one reading.

The commission voted to approve the resolution affirming the Ph.D. residency policy in one reading.

The commission voted to approve the appointment of Dr. Carolyn Copenheaver as chair and Dr. Kerry Redican as vice-chair for next year’s commission.

Announcements: Dr. DePauw thanked Dr. Miller and Dr. Eska for their leadership this year. Dr. Miller thanked the commission members for the service to university governance and Dr. DePauw echoed his appreciation.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Nancy B. Feuerbach, on behalf of

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