

Minutes
Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies
April 4, 2012
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Ms. Shaimaa Abdallah, Mr. Marc Brodsky, Dr. Carolyn Copenheaver, Ms. Natalie Cruise, Dr. Karen DePauw, Dr. Jennifer Hodgson, Dr. Karen Hult, Dr. Patrick Miller, Ms. Akiko Nakamura, Dr. Wayne Neu, Dr. Mayuresh Patil, Mr. Greg Purdy, Dr. Susan Short, Ms. Katelyn Shugart-Schmidt, Dr. Stephen Smith, Dr. Victoria Soghomonian, Dr. Dan Thorp, Mr. Leighton Vila.

Absent with Notification: Ms. Janice Austin, Dr. Mark Halsey, Dr. Bernice Hausman

Absent without Notification: Mr. Mohammed Jalili, Dr. Kumar Mallikarjunan, Dr. Tyler Walters, Mr. Jim Yardley

Visitors and Invited Guests: Ms. Michelle McCleese, Dr. Janet Rankin

Dr. Victoria Soghomonian, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the agenda: Approved.

Approval of the minutes from March 21, 2012: Approved with minor corrections.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC): Minutes from March 29th were approved.

Graduate Student Appeals: Dr. DePauw has acted on a recommendation from the committee.

Graduate Student Relations (GSR): No report.

Degree Requirements, Standards, Criteria, and Academic Progress (DRSCAP): The proposed revision to policy 6500 is considered an “update” and does not need to go through governance.

Graduate Student Assembly Report (GSA): Mr. Purdy reported that the research symposium went well. The symposium takes place during Graduate Education Week which is the full last week in March. The GSA will remind the commission early next academic year.

Graduate Honor System (GHS): There is a new case being referred to the committee.

University Library Committee (ULC): No report.

University Council: No report.

Graduate School:

- The very successful Graduate Education Week included a great research symposium, awards banquet, and afternoon picnic.
- Commission member Ms. Katelin Shugart-Schmidt is Graduate Student Woman of the Year.
- SCHEV returned the proposal for the MS in Materials Culture and Public Humanities. It will be revised and re-submitted.

- Conversations are ongoing regarding enrollment and scheduling preliminary examinations. The library use issue has been resolved.
- The Graduate School will be asked to develop a strategic plan. Dr. DePauw would like the commission's input.

Old Business: Dr. Soghomonian asked for clarification on a discussion point about online classes from March 21st's initial conversation. The topic will be referred to DRSCAP for further examination.

New Business: Ms. Shugart-Schimdt and Mr. Purdy asked the commission to discuss the situation of graduate students who lose funding due to the loss of an advisor. Sometimes departments can offer temporary bridge funding, but this is not a reliable solution. It was suggested that perhaps there could be emergency funding managed by the Graduate School. Dr. DePauw is willing to explore this option.

Candidates for next years chair / vice-chair positions include Drs. Patil, Halsey, and Hult.

Announcements:

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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