

Minutes

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

April 20, 2011

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Ms. Tara Frank for Ms. Kim Carlson, Dr. Carolyn Copenheaver, Dr. Karen DePauw, Dr. William Ducker, Ms. Keyana Ellis, Dr. Mark Halsey, Dr. Sam Hicks, Dr. Jennifer Hodgson, Dr. Karen Hult, Dr. Kumar Mallikarjunan, Dr. Tom Martin, Ms. Katie McKee, Dr. Patrick Miller, Mr. Jonathan Moore, Dr. Robin Panneton, Dr. Victoria Soghomonian, Mr. Eric Williams

Absent with Notification: Ms. Hannah Parks, Dr. Susan Short, Dr. Kerry Redican

Absent without Notification: Dr. Tom Caceci, Dr. Larry French, Dr. Paul Metz, Dr. Aaron Purcell

Visitors and Invited Guests: Dr. Janet Rankin

Dr. Carolyn Copenheaver, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the agenda: Approved.

Approval of the minutes from April 6, 2011: Approved.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC): The minutes from April 14th, 2011 were approved. Dr. DePauw reported that two new certificates were approved:

- Graduate Certificate in International Research Abroad
- Graduate Certificate in Research in Translational Medicine

NOTE: GCC minutes from the April 28th meeting were circulated and approved electronically, 5/12/11.

Graduate Student Appeals: No report.

Graduate Student Relations (GSR): No report

DRSCAP:

Dr. Halsey reported that DRSCAP is continuing their investigation and discussion regarding the security of classified and restricted content of materials used in the writing of a dissertation or thesis. The committee will continue working with the dean and hope to have a report by the end of the semester. Dr. Martin recommended that the committee seek input from Dr. Bill Tranter.

Other Reports

Graduate Student Assembly Report (GSA)

Mr. Jonathan Moore described GSA's hosting and/or participation in the following activities:

- "The Power of Procrastination" presented by Jorge Cham, creator of the popular comic strip "Piled Higher and Deeper" ("PhD Comics"), Wednesday, April 13th at 7:30pm in the GLC Auditorium. Mr. Moore hopes that the GSA will have the opportunity to screen Jorge's new film in the fall.
- Relay for Life is this Friday; \$500,000 has been raised so far.

- The last GSA delegate meeting is tomorrow.
- The 1st Annual Cancer Symposium will be held on April 29, 2011. There will be four featured speakers and a poster session.
- There was good attendance with a mix of students and faculty at the International Research Day on May 19, 5:00pm – 10:00pm. Dr. Paul Knox gave the opening remarks.

Graduate Honor System (GHS): Ms. Tara Frank reported that there had been 27 cases this year [fall and spring]. Half of the cases were resolved with faculty discussion.

University Library Committee (ULC): No report.

University Council:

Dr. Copenheaver presented the resolution for “Academic and Professional Integrity” for the first reading. The council wanted the resolution to go to the Faculty Senate for review. The resolution was pulled back, and will be reconsidered in the fall.

Old Business:

Dr. DePauw has received some suggestions and edits for the “Expectations” document. It is not too late to send her suggestions. Drs. Blieszner and Rankin will review and revise the document. It will be published in the fall. Workshops will be held to explain the document.

New Business:

Dr. Copenheaver said the Office of Long Range Planning would like a meeting. She turned the information over to next year’s chair, Dr. Victoria Soghomonian.

Dr. Panneton clarified the final process in approval of certificates. Once a certificate is approved, it needs to be forwarded to SCHEV.

Dr. DePauw plans to get a representative from each college who is knowledgeable about departmental statistic needs to discuss duplication of statistics course before she turns the issue over to DRSCAP.

Announcements:

Dr. DePauw thanked Dr. Copenheaver for her leadership as well as the vice chair and commission members for their efforts.

Dr. DePauw will have a transition meet with Dr Soghomonian and Dr. Copenheaver later in the summer.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Nancy Feuerbach, on behalf of

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