

MINUTES

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

September 21, 2016

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Dr. Karen DePauw (ex officio), Dr. Sally Paulson (Chair), Dr. Lujean Baab, Dr. Rajesh Bagchi, Dr. Nancy Bodenhorn, Ms. Chelsea Corkins, Dr. Kay Dunkley, Dr. Kevin Edgar, Dr. Charlene Eska, Dr. William Huckle, Mr. Timothy Kinoshita, Ms. Erin Lavender-Stott, Dr. Kathy Lu, Mr. Brett Netto, Dr. Annie Pearce, Ms. Tara Reel, Dr. Scott Salom, Ms. Libbie Sonnier-Netto, Dr. Tyler Walters (ex officio), Dr. Zhiwu Xie, and Dr. Ying Zhou.

Absent with Notification: Dr. Rachel Holloway (ex officio) and Dr. Robert Sumichrast.

Absent without Notification: Ms. Kim Robbins.

Visitors and Invited Guests: Ms. Janice Austin, Dr. Rosemary Blieszner, Dean Jack Davis, Dr. Muhammed Hajj, Dr. Karen Hult, Dr. Anne Khademian, and Dr. Scott Nelson.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Paulson at 3:30 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was modified to move Old Business immediately following the agenda approval.

Approval of the Minutes from September 7, 2016

The minutes were approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee

The committee did not meet since the last CGS&P report.

Graduate Student Appeals Committee

There is no report.

Degree Requirements, Standards, Criteria, and Academic Progress (DRSCAP) Committee

The committee has not met and there was no report. Dr. Huckle will chair the committee.

Constituency Updates

Graduate Student Assembly (GSA)

Ms. Corkins reported the first delegate meeting will be tomorrow. There are 90 delegates representing the departments. The Graduate and Professional School Fair will be on Monday, 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. Undergraduate attendance continues to grow for the Fair. The travel fund, research development fund, and the research symposium now have program chairs. The first town hall was held and the turnout was good. Dr. DePauw attended and fielded many discussions. The first Guac Talk with the Dean was held today. Another Guac Talk will be held later this semester.

Graduate Honor System (GHS)

Ms. Lavender-Stott had no report.

University Library Committee

Dr. Zie reported the committee has not met yet.

Faculty Senate

Dr. Salom reported the Faculty Senate waived a review of two CGS&P resolutions. Dr. Salom will continue as a liaison for another year. The Faculty Senate will review the alignment of representatives to the commissions. Dr. Eska will continue to serve as a representative in Dr. Salom's absence.

Student Government Association (SGA)

There was no report.

University Council and Commission Updates

Dr. Paulson attended the University Council meeting this past Monday. She presented the list of points that would be considered as part the CGS&P agenda for this coming year, based on Dr. DePauw's letter to the Commission. Dr. Paulson also presented the two resolutions from this past May for action by University Council.

The Commission on Student Affairs heard a first reading of a resolution to move the Muslim Student Union from a registered student organization to a university-chartered student organization.

There were no other commission updates.

Graduate School Update

Dr. DePauw reported that Virginia Tech is now a chapter of the Bouchet Society, a graduate honor society. Dr. Sands attended and gave the keynote at the Bouchet meeting last week and was presented the Legacy Award on Thursday. The Bouchet meeting moved from Washington, DC to the NVC on Friday. Shandong University in China is celebrating the opening of a new campus; VT participates in a 3-2 program with Shandong. Dr. DePauw will travel tomorrow to Shandong for the grand opening. VT has a building on the new campus. Dr. DePauw reiterated that the membership is welcome to bring forward other questions and concerns. She encouraged the membership to consider how to expand the vision of the E-portfolio at both the master's and doctoral level in an effort to expand the identity of the graduate student and to include factors that go beyond the oral defense. The electronic presence of the student is significant; security will need to be a consideration. Teaching, publications, and research would be considered in how the Ph.D. is re-thought beyond the traditional structure. Dr. DePauw also discussed the diversity.edu module required of undergraduate students; it is not required for graduate students. All new,

incoming graduate students are encouraged to complete the module. Alcohol, Haven, and diversity.edu are under consideration as a requirement for all incoming graduate students. The modules should take about thirty minutes for students to complete. Enrollment would be blocked until these modules are completed. Dr. Pratt-Clarke may attend a future Commission meeting to explore this topic. Dr. DePauw will explore access to diversity.edu for the Commission members with Dr. Pratt-Clarke.

Old Business

Old business included the second reading of two resolutions: a Resolution to Establish a Master of Arts Degree Nonprofit and Nongovernmental Organization Management and a Resolution to Establish a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Security Governance. A curriculum summary and budget were distributed for the security governance program. Both resolutions were approved by the membership. While all resolutions should be reviewed by Faculty Senate after the first resolution, the Faculty Senate waived review of these two resolutions. Future resolutions will be sent directly to the Faculty Senate president and not the Faculty Senate liaison to CGS&P.

New Business

There was no new business.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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on behalf of Karen P. DePauw, Ph.D.
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