

Minutes
Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies
December 4, 2013
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Ms. Shaimaa Abdallah, Mr. Matt Banfield, Dr. Chad Bolding, Ms. Kara Dietz, Dr. Kay Dunkley, Dr. Joe Eifert, Ms. Samantha Erwin, Dr. Saul Halfon, Mr. Mordecai Harvey, Ms. Nancy Dudek, Dr. Mayuresh Patil, Dr. Janet Rankin for Dr. Karen DePauw, Dr. Gary Seidel

Absent with Notification: Ms. Beth Alley, Dr. Alireza Haghighat, Dr. Bernice Hausman, Dr. Hans Robinson, Dr. Christopher Zobel

Absent without Notification: Mr. Jordon Booker, Dr. Cyril Clark, Dr. Rachel Holloway, Dr. James Jones, Dr. Elankumaran Subbiah, Dr. Tyler Walters

Visitors and Invited Guests: Ms. Janice Austin

Dr. Joe Eifert, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the agenda: Approved.

Approval of the minutes from November 20, 2013: Approved.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC)

No report.

Graduate Student Appeals

The committee is making a recommendation to Dr. DePauw on its last case.

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

The committee is continuing to work on the continuous enrollment policy.

Constituencies Updates

Graduate Student Assembly (GSA)

Ms. Shaimaa Abdallah reported:

- Applications for the GRPFD program were accepted November 15-22. They received 81 applications. Last year the GSA added a category for professional development.
- A graduate student has been appointed to chair the Travel Fund. Applications will be accepted in the spring only, rather than twice a year. The application timeframe will be extended. So, rather than twice a year, the extended application period will ask for applications for travel taking place throughout an academic year. It is hoped that students attending conferences that fell between application cycles will now be better served.
- A committee is being trained to assist with the evaluation of applications for the Travel Fund.

Graduate Honor System (GHS)

No report.

University Library Committee

No report.

University Council and Commission Updates

University Council

No report.

There were no commission updates.

Graduate School Updates: Dr. Karen DePauw

Ms. Janice Austin encouraged faculty to attend commencement on December 20.

Old Business

- Resolution, Enrollment Requirement for the Graduate Cooperative Education Program: Discussion was tabled until the January meeting. Dr. Eifert is waiting for feedback from Mr. Dwight Shelton.
- The M.A. in Women and Gender Studies degree proposal was approved

New Business

None

Announcements

The commission thanked Ms. Shaimaa Abdullah for her many contributions in her leadership role as president of the Graduate Student Assembly.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Nancy Feuerbach, on behalf of

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