MINUTES
Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies
February 5, 2020
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Graduate School Conference Room


Absent with notification: Marcia Feuerstein and Robert Sumichrast.

Absent without notification: Maruf Hoque, Sarah Karpanty, Cliff Shaffer, and Ashley Shew.

Visitors and invited guests: Janice Austin, Kevin Edgar, Bill Huckle, and Ryan King.

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Dr. Hole at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was verified.

Approval of the Agenda
The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of the Minutes
The minutes of December 4, 2019 were approved as presented.

Committee Reports
Graduate Curriculum Committee
Dr. Frisard presented the Graduate Curriculum Committee minutes of January 23, 2020. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Graduate Student Appeals Committee
Dr. DePauw had no new appeals to report.

Degree Requirements, Standards, Criteria, and Academic Progress (DRSCAP) Committee
Dr. Baab reported the draft of the resolution to be read later at today’s meeting was completed at the last DRSCAP meeting. She has also accepted Mr. Awni’s resignation from the committee. Dr. Hole requested a volunteer to fill this vacancy. Dr. Bodenhorn agreed to again serve on the committee.
Old Business

The second reading of Ms. DeSoto’s iPhD proposal was held and discussion followed. The proposal was approved.

New Business

Dr. Hole introduced the proposed changes to shared university governance, including the draft characteristics and principles that are guiding the changes. Discussions regarding the impact to the commissions has not yet occurred. Dr. Hole asked for feedback from the commission members. Students have a concern about the time they have available to participate in governance. A suggestion was made to provide assistantships for students participating in governance. Dr. DePauw asked the commission to be prepared to discuss the proposed characteristics at the next meeting.

The first reading of the Resolution on Revoking Graduate Degrees was presented by Dr. Baab. The purpose of the resolution is to provide in writing the reasons for the revocation of a degree. The resolution will also need to be reviewed by legal counsel. Additional revisions will be made by DRSCAP prior to further discussion at the next CGPSP meeting.

Graduate School Update

Dr. DePauw asked Dr. Huckle to provide a SCHEV report at the next meeting. Dr. DePauw met with faculty and staff at the Northern Virginia Center last week. An additional 350 students will need to enroll in northern Virginia for fall, 2021, to meet fall budget expectations. While this is unlikely, a plan needs to be developed to accomplish the enrollment growth expected over the next few years. A vast array of student services needs to be provided to serve the Innovation campus students. The MEng does not require the GRE for admission. The PPEA decision that would redesign the campus should be available in March. The current site alignment process is contingent on the outcome of the PPEA. Phase I of the site alignment process has been sent to the President. Phase II will capture the information on space needs from the Deans. Phase III will be the space planning and preparation and may occur later this year. Finally, the relocation and moving plan will need to be developed.

The following notification of academic change was announced:

Architecture has been given a new CIP Code that is STEM OPT eligible.

Constituency Updates

Graduate Student Assembly

Mr. Awni had no report.

Graduate Honor System

Mr. Mantha had no report.
University Library Committee

There was no report.

Faculty Senate

Dr. Ahmadian reported discussions are occurring about creating a senate for A/P faculty. Faculty Senate also discussed the proposed enrollment model.

Student Government Association

There was no report.

Board of Visitors

Mr. King had no report.

University Council and Commission Updates

The governance model was discussed at University Council. Also, a discussion continued about faculty papers being stored in the library.

Dr. Holloway announced the next meeting of the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies will be this coming Monday. A discussion will be held about academic relief at the undergraduate level.

Announcements

The Provost’s Task Force on Graduate Education will have a final report soon. The Graduate Mental Health Group will provide a report to the Commission in March.

Dr. DePauw will retire on August 1, 2020. She has agreed to remain in her position until the search is completed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

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