

CGPSA- Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs

May 2, 2023

3:30-5:00

GLC Conference Room 238

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Meeting ID: 859 5824 1361

Present: Alice Fox, Aimée Surprenant, Carrie Mayer, John Barbish, Lauren Surface, Lauren Panny, Nick Whitesell, Kayla Alward, Ranald Adams, Arthur Ball, Kenneth Wong, Janice Austin, Caroline de Jager

Absent with Notice: Mark Sikes

Absent: Anna Buhle, Sally Shupe, Tyler Walters, Lee Learman, Jack Leff, Stephen Kleiber, Nicolas Rivas Plata

Alice called the meeting to order at 3:31.

1. Approval of Minutes-approved

2. Member Reports

a. Graduate School Updates—Dean Surprenant

*There are a record number of graduates walking at this spring's commencement ceremony. There are over 1,000 students, up 300 from last year.

*The GS wrapped up the year with awards and events.

*The dean would love more students in the Graduate Life Center on a daily basis. The space is for them and she reminded the commission that the ground floor is open 24 hours with a Hokie Passport.

*Ben Beiter, Rachel Maizel, Alice Fox, President Sands, Provost Clarke, and Dean Surprenant all met last week regarding student contracts (how to put together and monitor). They discussed how to categorize individuals who are TAs or IORs and clarified IOR roles and supports in departments and the Graduate School. They also discussed accommodations students may have and how they work through the disability office.

b. Faculty Senate Update- F/S president will be changing, but there were no updates.

c. UGSS-no report

d. GPSS-no report

e. Staff Senate-no report

f. A & P-

g. CGPSA-Alice Fox

University Council Update from Dean Surprenant

*The Provost said there is a group investigating how to make the CGPSA resolution that was approved happen.

*There are 2 different surveys being circulated regarding the new governance system.

3. General Business

• Updates on Student Peer Accountability Board discussions

*Alice met with an IFC (Interfraternity Council) advisor. They follow the same policy that other organizations do.

4. Announcements

*Alice welcomed new chair, Ranald Adams. He will begin his work this summer.

*Dean Surprenant announced that there are up to 30 PhD students who will be supported by a \$7500 fellowship this summer. The students will mainly be those with a financial need and who are nearing the end of their projects.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:48.