

MINUTES

Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs

December 10, 2025

3:30 p.m.

Zoom

Present – Ronnie Mondal (presiding), Janice Austin, Meaghan Davidson, Rodney Gaines, Dan Hong, Barbara Hoopes, Natalie Kehrli, Gonzalo Ortiz, Lauren Surface, Aimée Surprenant, Jessica Wilkes, Madison Wypyski

Absent with Notice: None

Absent: Sehrish Altaf, Camille Block, Mennatallah Fahmy, Matthew Irwin, Lee Learman, Sudev Namboodri, Nicholas Needham, Aarav Parikh, Rohsaan Settle, Sally Shupe, Tyler Walters

Guests: Katie Gregg, Lori Rose, Bryan Mitchell

Ronnie called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Approval of approval and posting of minutes of November 12, 2025.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 12 minutes.

3. Unfinished Business

CGPSA 2024-25A Resolution to Amend the GPSS Constitution

Ronnie noted that the resolution received its first reading on December 4. Revisions to the resolution have not yet been completed. The second reading will take place once revisions are finalized, likely at the January or February meeting.

4. New Business

CGPSA 2025-26B Resolution to Form a Working Group to Study Graduate Student Usage of Student Activity Fee

Ronnie presented the resolution proposal for first reading. The resolution proposes forming a working group to analyze allocation of student activity fees, compare graduate and undergraduate usage, and evaluate fairness and utilization. The resolution does not propose specific outcomes, only formation of the working group. The resolution passed and will be submitted to university governance.

5. Reports

- Graduate School – Aimée Surprenant: Thanks to the Dean of Students team, students affected by the fire at Foxridge received immediate outreach and housing assistance. The Cranwell International Center is providing ongoing support to students experiencing travel and processing restrictions related to the most recent travel restriction update that effects 17 countries.
- Faculty Senate – Rodney Gaines: None at this time.

- AP Faculty Senate – Gonzalo Ortiz: None at this time
- Staff Senate – Sally Shupe: None at this time.

6. Other Items

- Update of goals surrounding the grievance process for graduate students:
 - CFA will submit a resolution related to the Faculty Handbook piece, while Staff Senate changes would be procedural rather than policy based.
 - For graduate students, grievance process information will be added to the website and handbook.
 - Focus is on cultural and procedural improvements rather than policy changes

7. Announcements

- Next meeting will be on January 14.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:32 p.m.