

**CGPSP - Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies**

**September 21, 2022**

**3:30-5:00 p.m.**

**Graduate Life Center Room 238**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**ZOOM LINK:**

<https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/87513733962>

Meeting ID: 875 1373 3962

**Present:** Montasir Abbas (presiding), Coy Allen, Kayla Alward, Christina DiMarino, Joseph Eifert, Rob Emmett, Tom Ewing, Rachel Holloway, Mary Kasarda, Sattar Mansi, Hannah Parks, Rebecca Pauly, Donna Sedgwick, Noor Tasnim, Alina Valop, Tyler Walters, Pengtao Yue

**Absent with Notice:** Lisa Becksford, Rose McGroarty, Aimée Surprenant

**Absent:** Nancy Bradley, Chip Frazier, Eric Kaufman, Scott Weimer

**Guests:** Janice Austin, Anna Buhle, Lori Buchanan, Kevin Edgar, Bill Huckle, Carrie Mayer, April Myers, Lauren Surface,

Monty called the meeting to order at 3:33. A quorum was not present.

\*Lori and April went over the Resolution Flow Chart (posted in Sharepoint). Monty asked how to brainstorm an issue to decide whether it becomes a resolution. Lori and April suggested going to the cabinet or Office of Policy and Governance to determine if it's a resolution. Monty brought up some suggestions that would make the flow chart more understandable. April explained the bylaws would need to be changed in order to change the flow chart at this point, but it's a developing process that will be reviewed this year with changes to be implemented next fall. A member suggested that there be 2 options added to "President Review"-*approved with more review needed OR approved with no review needed.*

Quorum was established.

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

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

**2. Approval of or Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of September 7, 2022**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 7, 2022 minutes. The motion carried.

**3. Feedback from members**

Monty requested feedback from CGPSP members on planned activities and new suggestions. What can CGPSP do to make a difference?

**4. New Committees (vs DRSCAP) tasks and membership**

**• On-line learning (market, recruitment, degrees, etc.)**

A member mentioned TLOS and inviting Dale Pike to the next meeting to look at the philosophy and approach for this university to implement on-line learning.

Another member asked what would incentivize faculty and programs to move in this direction? What barriers are there?

\*Another member said the Teaching, Learning, and Post-Baccalaureate studies has a climate action commitment at the university and this group needs help with the curriculum development side. This commission could offer support. They will be invited to the next CGPS&P meeting.

- **Funding for graduate studies (OSP, COR, fellowships, other)**
- **Recruitment of outstanding minority students (mechanism, funding stream, etc.)**

Email Monty with interest.

A member suggested partnering with Shernita Lee (Assistant Dean and Director of Recruitment, Diversity, and Inclusion) for a content expert leader.

- **DRSCAP-Mary Kasarda**

The new committee consists of: Hannah Parks, Carrie Mayer, Tom Ewing, Lisa Becksford, Rob Emmett, and Alina Valop. The committee will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month via Zoom. Items to be discussed at first meeting:

- a. Accelerated Counting of Graduate Credits for Undergraduates
- b. Co-Op Policy
- c. Graduate students as Instructor of Record Policies

Mary requested to change the name of DRSCAP to DAP (Degrees and Academic Policy) Committee. Moved to change, and motion carried.

## **5. Acceptance and Posting of Committee Reports and/or Minutes**

- **Graduate School Updates-Dean Surprenant**

Highlights: The dean has met with many students in different capacities from panel discussions to afternoon tea to lunches.

TimelyCare should be available to ALL ENROLLED students. This is different from students using on-campus health and counseling offerings. Students are strongly encouraged to enroll now.

The Microsoft license at VT has change. Graduate students and non-degree seeking students are not required to purchase a license, but they do have the option to purchase at a one-time cost.

The task force for student compensation continues its work and the dean is confident they will have great recommendations by the December deadline.

\*The full report with more details on above-mentioned items will be in Sharepoint.

- Graduate Curriculum Committee-Coy Allen  
Met September 8. The report is posted in Sharepoint.
- Graduate Student Appeals Committee-Aimée Surprenant  
No update

## **6. Constituency Updates-Montasir Abbas**

- **Graduate and Professional Student Senate-Ben Beiter**

No update

- **Graduate Student Honor System-Kayla Alward**

1 active case

- **University Library Committee-Lisa Becksford**

No update

- **Faculty Senate-Donna Sedgwick and Eric Kaufman**

No update

- **Undergraduate Student Senate-Vacant**

- **Board of Visitors-Anna Buhle**

No update

## **7. University Council and Commission Updates-Montasir Abbas**

- **University Council-Montasir Abbas**

The chairs gave updates.

- **Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs-Robert Emmett**

Topics included: Job Architecture in HR and service leave equity

- **Commission on Student Affairs-**

This commission has now split to CUSA and CGPSA

- **Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies-Rachel Holloway**

Working on process, 1 resolution, and pass one curricular issue

## **9. Announcements-**

- Next CGPSP Commission Meeting: Yom Kippur

There was a motion made to cancel the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

- Other announcements (GCC update, future visits)

Monty talked to Faculty Senate and will report back with updates.

## **11. Adjournment-**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:22.