

CGPSP - Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies
November 2, 2022
3:30-5:00 p.m.
Graduate Life Center Room 238 or Zoom
<https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/87513733962>
Meeting ID: 875 1373 3962

Present: Montasir Abbas (presiding), Lisa Becksford, Nancy Bradley, Joseph Eifert, Robert Emmett, Paul Emmons, Chip Frazier, Eric Kaufman, Sattar Mansi, Hannah Parks, Donna Sedgwick, Noor Tasnim, Alina Valop, Scott Weimer, Pengtao Yue

Absent with Notice: Coy Allen, Mary Kasarda, Rebecca Pauly, Aimée Surprenant

Absent: Kayla Alward, Christina DiMarino, Tom Ewing, Rachel Holloway, Sattar Mansi, Rose McGroarty, Tyler Walters

Guests: Janice Austin, Anna Buhle, Lori Buchanan, Kevin Edgar, Bill Huckle, Carrie Mayer, Lauren Surface, Kenneth Wong

Monty called the meeting to order at 3:33. A quorum was present.

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 October 19, 2022

A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 19, 2022 minutes. The motion carried.

3. Committee Reports-Montasir Abbas

a. Graduate Curriculum Committee-Bill Huckle for Coy Allen

The report from the October 13 meeting is posted in Sharepoint. There are 18 new courses. The October 27 meeting report is also posted in Sharepoint. There are 10 courses and 1 new degree program. Dr. Huckle asked for a motion to accept the reports from the GCC meetings on October 13 and October 27 on behalf of Coy Allen who was not in attendance. A motion was made and seconded. The motion carried.

b. Graduate Student Appeals- Aimée Surprenant

There are currently no appeals.

c. DAP-Carrie Mayer for Mary Kasarda

- Motion to accept DAP committee's recommendation regarding UG/G accelerated masters was made and seconded. The motion carried.
- Discussion of Resolution 2022-23A (Co-op policy recommendation)

The resolution has been written and sent to governance. It's at the draft notice stage. The UC cabinet will meet again November 28.

A member brought up that this resolution removes an inequity for international students, which is a positive piece for the resolution.

5. Old Business

a. None

6. New Business

a. Dale Pike will present at the next meeting. Shernita Lee will present at the meeting on December 7.

7. Acceptance and Posting of Committee Reports and/or Minutes

- **Graduate School Updates**-Carrie Mayer for Dean Surprenant
The official update is posted in Sharepoint.

The Graduate Stipend Task Force is working on a draft to give to the provost at the end of the semester.

Over 150 students came to Pumpkinpalooza at the GLC. The dean is very pleased with student engagement at the GLC this year.

The HBCU/MSI Summit is November 6-8. There are 15 universities coming to VT. The goal is to make research connections.

Dean Surprenant is interested in feedback on TimelyCare. Please let her know if you have comments or opinions about the service.

This year Georgia Tech had a virtual recruitment event. Dean Surprenant will be asking programs if they would like to participate next year.

Dean Surprenant is working with Bryan Hanson to increase the visibility of the anti-academic bullying initiative and to create a plan to have workshops/sessions with as many faculty and students as possible.

The Graduate School's mentorship programs are slowly rolling out—next semester there will be a community of practice around mentorship including monthly brown bag lunches.

8. Constituency Updates-Montasir Abbas

a. Graduate and Professional Student Senate-Ben Beiter
No update

b. Graduate Honor System- Kayla Alward
2 active cases

c. University Library Committee-Lisa Becksford

The new University Library Committee met for the 1st time on Oct 6, 2022. Main agenda items included the progress reports on the Library Collaborative Research Grant and the Affordable + Reusable Textbook programs. The next ULC meeting will be scheduled in December and the topic to be discussed includes the library's publishing services. Approved meeting minutes will be posted online after approval by the next meeting.

d. Faculty Senate-Donna Sedgwick and Eric Kaufman

Eric reported that graduate students want to know how records of the Faculty Senate are managed. The Zoom chat and captioning functions are used but not saved or recorded. While some would like more shared, part of the goal is to be consistent with the approach.

The Freedom of Expression and Inquiry draft statement has been circulating and departments are requesting feedback.

e. Board of Visitors-Anna Buhle

No update

f. AP Faculty Senate-Rob Emmett

No update

9. University Council and Commission Updates-Montasir Abbas

a. University Council-Montasir Abbas

No update

b. Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Polices-Rachel Holloway

No update

10. Announcements-

- Next meeting will be on November 16, 2022

9. Adjournment-

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at a record 3:50.