

**CGPSP- Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies**  
**December 7, 2022**  
**3:30-5:00 p.m.**  
**Graduate Life Center Room 238 or Zoom**  
**<https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/82122811293>**  
**Meeting ID: 821 2281 1293**

**Present:** Montasir Abbas (presiding), Coy Allen, Lisa Becksford, Stephen Biscotte (proxy for Rachel Holloway), Joseph Eifert, Robert Emmett, Mary Kasarda, Eric Kaufman, Sattar Mansi, Rebecca Pauly, Aimée Surprenant, Noor Tasnim, Alina Valop, Tyler Walters, Scott Weimer, Pengtao Yue

**Absent with Notice:** Chip Frazier, Rachel Holloway, Hannah Parks

**Absent:** Kayla Alward, Nancy Bradley, Christina DiMarino, Paul Emmons, Tom Ewing, Rose McGroarty, Tristan Southerland

**Guests:** Janice Austin, Kevin Edgar, Cathy Grimes, Bill Huckle, Carrie Mayer, April Myers, Lauren Surface, Kenneth Wong

Monty called the meeting to order at 3:32. 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 November 16, 2022**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 16, 2022 minutes. The motion carried.

**3. New Business-**

- Shernita Lee-Assistant Dean and Director, Office of Recruitment, Diversity, and Inclusion-

\*Presentation regarding ideas for recruiting outstanding minority students (mechanism, funding issues, etc.) Her slides are in the Sharepoint Documents folder and the December 7 folder.

- Here are some other links that Shernita was referencing.
- National Name Exchange: <https://cgsnet.org/data-insights/diversity-equity-inclusiveness/national-name-exchange/>
- McNair Scholars Program: <https://mcnairscholars.com/about/>
- GEM National Consortium: <https://www.gemfellowship.org/>
- Grad School Data: <https://graduateschool.vt.edu/numbers.html>
- Funding supported by the graduate school: <https://graduateschool.vt.edu/funding/types-of-funding/funding-sponsored-by-the-graduate-school.html>
- HBCU/MSI Research Summit: [https://graduateschool.vt.edu/diversity/hbcu\\_research\\_summit.html](https://graduateschool.vt.edu/diversity/hbcu_research_summit.html)
- Application Fee waivers: [https://graduateschool.vt.edu/admissions/tuition-and-costs/Application\\_Fees.html](https://graduateschool.vt.edu/admissions/tuition-and-costs/Application_Fees.html)

- Resolution CGPSP 2022-23A First reading: Co-op Program Change

\*A member asked if we are losing income on the zero credit options.

\*Another member said by supporting this change, it is correcting an equity issue.

- Resolution CGPSP 2022-23B First reading: Resolution to Establish a Master of Science Degree in Applied Date Science

- Discussion on Proposal for a Single Committee Member for the EE and CPE MS Non-Thesis Degree
- \*After short discussion a motion was granted and passed.

### **3. Committee Reports-Montasir Abbas**

#### **a. Graduate Curriculum Committee-Coy Allen**

GCC will meet on January 26.

#### **b. Graduate Student Appeals- Aimée Surprenant**

There are currently no appeals.

#### **c. DAP-Mary Kasarda**

- DAP has not met since the last meeting. Mary is working on securing wording for Conflict of Interest for faculty.
- A draft of the GTA catalog for Instructor of Record is in the works.

### **4. Old Business**

#### **a. None**

### **5. Graduate School Updates-Aimée Surprenant**

#### **a. General Updates-**

\*Commencement is December 16th. Karey Sutton is this year's Graduate Alumni Achievement Award recipient.

\*There will be 3 graduate student speakers at commencement.

\*A reception for graduates will be held at the Northern VA Center.

\*This is the first commencement with no diplomas. Students will be sent their diploma at a later date. This is to allow departments to be flexible on deadlines for graduates.

\*The Graduate Stipend Task Force will be making recommendations to the provost at the end of the year.

\*The Dean reminded faculty to stay on top of deadlines to avoid asking for exceptions.

\*Dean Surprenant encouraged everyone to have a nice break.

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

#### **a. Graduate and Professional Student Senate-Alina Valop**

No update

#### **b. Graduate Honor System- Rose McGroarty**

No update

#### **c. University Library Committee-Lisa Becksford**

No update

#### **d. Faculty Senate- Eric Kaufman**

No update

#### **e. Undergraduate student Senate-Tristan Southerland**

No update

**f. Board of Visitors**-Anna Buhle  
No update

**g. 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 Student Affairs**-Montasir Abbas  
No update

c. **Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Polices**-Rachel Holloway  
No update

**10. Announcements-**

- Next meeting will be on February 1, 2023.

**9. Adjournment-**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:52.