

CGPSP- Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies
February 1, 2023
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), Lisa Becksford, Nancy Bradley, Stephen Biscotte (proxy for Rachel Holloway), Joseph Eifert, Robert Emmett, Paul Emmons, Chip Frazier, Jim Hawdon, Mary Kasarda, Eric Kaufman, Sattar Mansi, Rose McGroarty, Hannah Parks, Rebecca Pauly, Aimée Surprenant, Noor Tasnim, Alina Valop, Tyler Walters, Scott Weimer, Pengtao Yue

Absent with Notice: Coy Allen

Absent: Kayla Alward, Christina DiMarino, Tom Ewing, Tristan Southerland

Guests: Lori Buchanan, Kevin Edgar, Monika Gibson, Cathy Grimes, Bill Huckle, Carrie Mayer, Jin Ran, Lauren Surface, Thomas Woteki

Monty called the meeting to order at 3:35. 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 December 7, 2022

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

3. New Business-

- Resolution CGPSP 2022-23A second reading and vote: Co-op Program Change

*Vote was taken and resolution was adopted.

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

*Tom Woteki and Jin Ran were able to answer some questions.

*Vote was taken and resolution passed.

4. Committee Reports-Montasir Abbas

a. Graduate Curriculum Committee-Bill Huckle for Coy Allen

*Minutes from the GCC meeting were voted on an approved.

*GCC met on January 26. There were 5 new courses, 3 revised courses, 3 revised degrees, and 2 graduate certificates.

b. Graduate Student Appeals- Aimée Surprenant

There are currently no appeals.

c. DAP-Mary Kasarda

- DAP shared their IOR Draft Definition. There was some discussion regarding the wording of IOR creating syllabi. The IOR should not be expected to develop a syllabus from the ground up.
- There is no difference between and GA and an IOR in the Graduate Catalog.
- This draft is step 1 of the process. It is suggested that departments need to provide more support to the IORs. The committee is looking at what other universities are doing.
- The path forward is to give the revision of the draft to the dean for her approval. DAP encourages CGPSP members to look at the draft and give feedback.

5. Old Business

a. None

5. Graduate School Updates-Aimée Surprenant

a. General Updates-

- *The new semester is going well. Student engagement is high. There are 6999 graduate students currently enrolled.
- *Applications are up 6% and acceptance rates are up 23% from this date last year.
- *The “will attend” number is 550. This time last year it was 325.
- *There will be a training/networking session next week for new GPDs.
- *GS Fellowship nominations are open. Faculty are encouraged to nominate students.
- *The dean is looking for feedback regarding iThenticate.
- *The GPSS Research Symposium call for abstracts due by February 8.
- *Graduate Stipend Task Force will present their report to the dean and the provost before March 1.

6. Constituency Updates-Montasir Abbas

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

b. Graduate Honor System- Rose McGroarty *GHS has been working on panelist and facilitator training. *GHS has created materials for graduate students and faculty to explain the honor system expectations. Faculty will review how to make a report and what to expect next.

c. University Library Committee-Lisa Becksford No update

d. Faculty Senate- Eric Kaufman No update, but there was a brief discussion regarding Turnitin versus iThenticate and how the two are connected.

e. Undergraduate student Senate-Tristan Southerland No update

f. Board of Visitors-Anna Buhle No update

g. AP Faculty Senate-Rob Emmett No update but did report there is an AP Faculty sabbatical working group.

7. 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**-Stephen Biscotte

There is a resolution in the works related to undergraduate honor system.

10. Announcements-

- Next meeting will be on February 15, 2023.

9. Adjournment-

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:11.