

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

**March 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), Coy Allen, Lisa Becksford, Stephen Biscotte, Christina DiMarino, Robert Emmett, Paul Emmons, Tom Ewing, Chip Frazier, Jim Hawdon, Mary Kasarda, Eric Kaufman, Sattar Mansi, Hannah Parks, Rebecca Pauly, Aimée Surprenant, Noor Tasnim, Alina Valop, Tyler Walters, Scott Weimer, Pengtao Yue

**Absent with Notice:** Nancy Bradley

**Absent:** Kayla Alward, Joe Eifert, Paul Emmons, Rose McGroarty, Tristan Southerland

**Guests:** Lori Buchanan, Kevin Edgar, Monika Gibson, Cathy Grimes, Bill Huckle, Carrie Mayer, Lauren Surface

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 February 1, 2023**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 1, 2023 minutes. The motion carried.

**3. New Business-**

- Resolution CGPSP 2022-23C first reading: Resolution to Create Department of Neurosurgery at VTC School of Medicine

\*There was some discussion. It was noted that Carilion fully supports this as a department and cost analyses have been completed.

**4. Committee Reports-Montasir Abbas**

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

\*Report from the GCC meeting was voted on and approved.

\*GCC met on February 23. There were 7 new courses, 2 degree programs, and 2 graduate certificates. The next meeting is March 23.

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

There are currently no appeals.

**c. DAP-Mary Kasarda**

- DAP is working on a charge document for an Instructor of Record working group. They met on February 22 to exchange and discuss ideas. Dr. Edgar and Mary Kasarda will be working on the next draft. DAP will bring the draft to the April CGPSP meeting.

## **5. Old Business**

### **a. None**

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

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

\*Graduate Stipend Task Force report has been submitted.

\*expanding summer funding and external support are currently in the works

\*There will be an information page released soon on the actual cost of attendance which will include the cost of living for Blacksburg.

\*Sigma Xi has reached out and they have a chapter here at VT and would like for graduate students to apply for membership. This will allow students to receive grants and awards.

\*Nutshell Games were a success.

\*Grad Ed Week is March 27-31.

\*Graduate School is co-sponsor of the Gender, Bodies, and Technology Conference being held March 16-17.

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

### **a. Graduate and Professional Student Senate-Ben Beiter**

No update

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

No update

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

The committee met on February 21. Peter Potter from VT Publishing gave a presentation.

### **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**

The committee met on February 15. Nominations are open for AP Faculty Senate seat.

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

### **a. University Council-Montasir Abbas**

The first read of resolutions went well. There will be a second reading at the next meeting.

### **b. Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies-Stephen Biscotte**

Shared this Resolution Tracker <https://governance.vt.edu/ResolutionTracker/UnderReview> to see where resolutions stand as they make their way through governance. He pointed out the CUSA Resolution 2022-23A: Resolution to Approve Revisions and Updates to the Va Tech Student Code of Conduct.

## **9. Announcements-**

- Next meeting will be on March 15, 2023.

**10. Adjournment-**

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