

Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies (CGPSP)

March 15, 2023

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Graduate Life Center Room 238 or Zoom

Present: Coy Allen, Lisa Becksford, Nancy Bradley, Christina DiMarino, Paul Emmons, Jim Hawdon, Rachel Holloway, Eric Kaufman (chair for this meeting), Sattar Mansi, Hannah Parks, Rebecca Pauly, Chloe Robertson (proxy for Noor Tasnim), Aimée Surprenant, Pengtao Yue

Absent with Notice: Montasir Abbas, Chip Frazier, Mary Kasarda, Rose McGroarty, Noor Tasnim, Scott Weimer

Absent: Kayla Alward, Joe Eifert, Rob Emmett, Tom Ewing, Tristan Southerland, Alina Valop, Tyler Walters

Guests: Janice Austin, Kevin Edgar, Monika Gibson, Bill Huckle, Carrie Mayer, April Myers, Lauren Surface

Eric Kaufman (for Monty) called the meeting to order at 3:33. There was no quorum until 3:41.

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 March 1, 2023

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

3. New Business-

- Resolution CGPSP 2022-23D first reading: Establish a Master of Professional Studies Degree in Climate Leadership

There was an added comment that this was well-received at the last GCC meeting with engaged staff and a positive student outcome.

- PTE (Pearson Test of English) review/discussion

*The Pearson group would like VT to allow PTE as an alternative to the IELTS. As a reminder, Dean Surprenant mentioned that this commission did not look at PTE as an option last year; the overall consensus was being pleased with the IETLTS.

*A suggestion was made to either defer to DAP or defer another year. Commission decided to defer another year.

4. Committee Reports-

a. Graduate Curriculum Committee-Coy Allen

The next meeting will be March 23.

b. Graduate Student Appeals- Aimée Surprenant

There are currently no appeals.

c. DAP-

There are no updates.

5. Old Business

None

6. Graduate School Updates-Aimée Surprenant

a. General Updates-

*University Council passed the co-op resolution unanimously. There were 477 students who did co-op last year. This new resolution will save students \$3K. It will make a great difference for international graduate students.

*GPSS yearly symposium is on 3/29 and all are invited to the reception on 3/30 at 7 p.m. in the GLC MPR. Please support Grad Ed Week 3/27-3/31

7. Constituency Updates-Eric Kaufman for Monty 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

No update

d. Faculty Senate- Jim Hawdon

No update

e. Undergraduate student Senate-Tristan Southerland

No update

f. Board of Visitors-Anna Buhle

Interviews for BOV rep will be March 16.

g. AP Faculty Senate-Rob Emmett

No update

8. University Council and Commission Updates- Eric Kaufman for Montasir Abbas

a. University Council- Aimée Surprenant

Update captured in prior discussion of Graduate School Updates.

b. Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Polices- Rachel Holloway

No update

9. Announcements-

- Next meeting will be on April 5, 2023.

10. Adjournment-

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:01.