

**CGPSP**  
**April 19, 2023**  
**3:30-5:00 p.m.**  
**Graduate Life Center Room 238 or Zoom**

**Present:** Monty Abbas, Coy Allen, Lisa Becksford, Stephen Biscotte, Nancy Bradley, Christina DiMarino, Tom Ewing, Chip Frazier, Jim Hawdon, Eric Kaufman, Rose McGroarty, Hannah Parks, Rebecca Pauly, Aimée Surprenant, Noor Tasnim, Tyler Walters, Scott Weimer, Pengtao Yue

**Absent with Notice:** Joe Eifert, Paul Emmons, Mary Kasarda, Noor Tasnim

**Absent:** Kayla Alward, Rob Emmett, Sattar Mansi, Tristan Southerland, Alina Valop

**Guests:** Janice Austin, Kevin Edgar, Monika Gibson, Bill Huckle, Rick Sparks

**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 April 5, 2023**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 5, 2023 minutes. The motion carried.

**3. Discussion regarding one-year exemption for annual >3-year graduate untaught courses-Rick Sparks**

- Registrar's office reviews all courses taught. Courses that are not taught for 3 years are discontinued.
- A new curriculum management system (Courseleaf) will be implemented for the 23-24 academic year.
- There will be a 1-year exemption policy from performing the function of looking at courses not taught while transitioning to the new program.
- The new curriculum management system will sync with Banner and the Course Catalog.
- A member asked if there would be training available. The answer is yes. In the next 2 weeks, the registrar's office will gain full access to the system. Rick Sparks' office will reach out to the Associate Deans. There will be an in-person and on demand training offered this summer.

**4. Old Business-**

- Second reading, IPhD proposal by Audra Upchurch – “Implementing Corporate Social Responsibility: Tools and processes for efficient execution by C-suite level executives within service industries”
- Dr. Huckle recapped the proposals. There was a motion to approve and the motion passed.
  
- Second reading, IPhD proposal by Mackenzie Rose – “Empathetic Educational Environments: Advancing Cultural Sensitivity of Trauma through Storytelling in the Secondary-level English classroom”
- There was discussion regarding the concern of the chair of the IPhD committee not having a PhD. Dr. Huckle assured members that the chair has been given approval from the English Department.
- Another member suggested that DAP look at the difference between the chair and co-chair positions on committees.
- A motion was made to approve and the motion passed.

**5. New Business-**

- Graduate Honor System Report – Rose McGroarty

Rose shared slides outlining numbers of cases and outcomes for this academic school year.

- A member suggested sharing this information with GPDs because of how many cases are handled through a Facilitated Discussion. He suggested 2 presentations: 1 aimed at faculty and 1 aimed at incoming graduate students.

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

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

The GCC reviewed 2 revised Degree Programs and approved them. They also reviewed and approved 18 new courses. This was the second to last meeting of the semester.

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

There are currently no appeals.

### **c. DAP-**

- Committee is working on a definition for the role of the DAP committee and coming up with any recommended tasks.

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

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

\*The Graduate School is busy with commencements (both Blacksburg and NVC). There is a record number of students walking this year.

\*VT hosted the VCGS meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

\*Over the summer, the dean will be working on how to continuously make improvements.

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

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

No update

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

see above

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

No update

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

The last meeting will be April 21<sup>st</sup> where they will wrap up business for the semester.

### **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**

Our two resolutions (C and D) had the first reading at the UC. Second reading will be during the next UC meeting.

b. **Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Polices-** Stephen Biscotte  
No update

10. **Announcements-**

- Next meeting will be on May 3, 2023.

11. **Adjournment-**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.