

**Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies**  
**Meeting Minutes – December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Zoom**

**Present:** Renee LeClair, Lisa Becksford, Stephen Biscotte, Nancy Bradley, Zai Cook, Carolyn Commer, Barbara Hoopes, Leslie LaConte, Nathan Lau, Rose McGroarty, Sattar Mansi, Jacque Pelzer, Kaustuv Ray, Kiera Schneiderman, Brian Strahm, Aimée Surprenant, Kwok Tsang, Jerald Walz

**Absent:** Aaron Bond, Brian Bush, Kirk Cameron, Paul Emmons, Veronica van Montfrans, William Poland, Kaylee South, Tyler Walters

**Guests:** Janice Austin, Catherine Cotrupi, William Huckle, April Myers, Lori Rose

Renee called the meeting to order at 3:32pm. A quorum was met.

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was approved and adopted.

**2. Approval of or announcement of approval of minutes from November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Minutes were approved.

**3. New Business**

- CGPS&P 2024-25A had the first reading at University Council on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were no questions, comments or concerns.
- CUSP has an existing resolution (2025-25A) going through governance to revise Policy 6305, Satisfactory Academic Progress for Associate and Undergraduate Students.

**4. Committee Reports**

• **DAP (Degree and Academic Progress)**

- None to report.

• **Ad Hoc Master's Committee – Barbara Hoopes**

- See SharePoint drive for this meeting for full report.

• **Graduate School Updates - Aimée Surprenant**

- CGPSA has two resolutions going through governance:
  - 2024-25B: Resolution to Clarify Intimate Relationships Regarding Graduate Teaching Assistantships and Students

- 2024-25A: Resolution to Expand CGPSA Membership to Graduate Students from Extended Campuses
- The Graduate School hosted the annual Thanksgiving Chili Lunch, which served over 300 graduate students in an hour.
- At the end of the semester, Dean Surprenant sends a message to Graduate Program Directors reminding them that students need a break and requesting that students have some time over the break or some time in between semesters to destress.

## **Constituency Updates**

### **a. Graduate and Professional Student Senate – Kaustuv Ray**

- GPSS is putting together a list of potential candidates for the working group with the Provost. If anyone has any recommendations of who to include, reach out to Kaustuv Ray or Ronnie Mondal.

### **b. Graduate Student Honors System – Rose McGroarty**

- Currently working on recruiting panelists to be facilitators.
- GHS presented to the Graduate Program Directors before Thanksgiving about the benefits of the Honors System and the positive impact that it has on all who participate.

### **c. University Libraries – Lisa Becksford**

- None to report.

### **d. Faculty Senate – Carolyn Commer**

- None to report.

### **e. Undergraduate Student Senate – Kiera Schneiderman**

- The last meeting of the semester will be December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- They will be having a second reading of bylaw revisions.

### **f. Board of Visitors**

- None to report.

### **g. AP Faculty Senate**

- None to report.

### **h. Staff Senate – Zai Cook**

- The Staff Campus Climate Survey received generally positive feedback. There were some concerns about compensation.

## **University Council and Commission Updates**

**a. University Council**

- None to report.

**b. Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies – Stephen Biscotte for Rachel Holloway**

- None to report.

**5. Adjournment**

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:51pm.