

MINUTES

Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies

December 3, 2025

3:30 p.m.

Zoom

Present: Renée LeClair (presiding), Aaron Bond, Kiri Goldbeck DeBose, Nicole Holt, Ioannis Koutromanos, Veronica van Montfrans, Phil Nelson, Molly Ryan, Jill Sible, Kaylee South, Brian Strahm, Kwok Tsang, Jerald Walz, Meng Zhu

Absent with Notice: Kayla Robertson, Aimée Surprenant

Absent: Kirk Cameron, Leslie LaConte, Kendyl Lewis, Cayce Myers, Joshua Neal, Tyler Walters

Guests: Janice Austin, Catherine Cotrupi, Katie Gregg, Barbara Hoopes, William Huckle, April Myers

Renee called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Approval of and posting of minutes of November 19, 2025

A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 19, 2025, minutes.

3. Unfinished Business

CGPSP 2025-26B Resolution to Explore Alternative Curricular Avenues for Graduate Education Requirements

Renee presented the [resolution](#), noting that it will receive first reading at University Council on February 2, 2026.

CGPSP 2025-26A Resolution Modifying the Withdrawal Policy in the Graduate Catalog

Renee announced that the [resolution](#) was approved on December 2, 2025.

4. Reports

- Graduate Student Appeals – Aimée Surprenant: None at this time.
- Graduate School – Aimée Surprenant: None at this time.
- Degrees and Academic Progress – Jerald Walz: DAP will be bringing resolutions forward after final discussions have concluded.
- NTCO GS Committee – Barbara Hoopes: None at this time.
- Graduate and Professional Student Senate: None at this time.

- Graduate Honor System – Molly Ryan: None at this time.
- University Libraries – Kiri Goldbeck DeBose: None at this time.
- Faculty Senate – Phil Nelson: None at this time.
- Undergraduate Student Senate: None at this time.
- Board of Visitors – Katie Gregg: Highlights from the most recent BOV meeting are outlined in a recent [VT News article](#).
- AP Faculty Senate – Aaron Bond: None at this time.
- Staff Senate – Kayla Robertson: None at this time.
- University Council: None at this time.
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies – Jill Sible: None at this time.

5. Other Items

- The commission began reviewing recommendations from the CGPSP 2024-25A working group.

6. Announcements

- The meeting scheduled for December 17, 2025, has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on January 7, 2026.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:46pm.