

## **MINUTES**

### **Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies**

September 1, 2021, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

238 GLC and Zoom

**Present:** Montasir Abbas, Coy Allen, Kayla Alward, Nancy Bodenhorn, Amanda Covey, Karen DePauw (ex officio), Christina DiMarino, Joe Eifert, Marcia Feuerstein, Chip Frazier, Rachel Holloway (ex officio), Barbara Hoopes, Jack Leff, Kaitlyn Malewicz, Hannah Parks, Roan Parrish, Nathaniel Porter, Cliff Shaffer, Ashley Shew, Aimée Surprenant (ex officio), Hannah Jane Upson, Richard Vari, Tyler Walters (ex officio), Scott Weimer, Pengtao Yue.

**Absent with notification:** Jordan Wescott, Robert Sumichrast.

**Absent without notification:** Alice Fox, Maruf Hoque.

**Visitors and invited guests:** Janice Austin, Kim Daniloski, Paul Emmons, Bill Huckle, Kevin Kish, Phillip Miskovic, April Myers.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Feuerstein at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was verified.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

In the May 5, 2021 minutes, VCOM was corrected to VTCSOM. The minutes of May 5, 2021 were approved as corrected.

## **Overview of CGPS&P**

Dr. Feuerstein provided an overview of CGPS&P including the committee structure and charge.

## **Committee Reports**

### Graduate Curriculum Committee

Dr. Allen indicated the Graduate Curriculum Committee will hold their first meeting next Thursday, September 9, 2021.

### Graduate Student Appeals Committee

Dean DePauw noted all appeals from last year have been completed. One appeal may be forthcoming and a committee designated at that time.

### Degree Requirements, Standards, Criteria, and Academic Progress (DRSCAP) Committee

Barbara Hoopes agreed to chair DRSCAP this year. Nancy Bodenhorn, Kait Malewicz, and Joe Eifert agreed to serve as members of this committee.

## **Graduate Education Progress Report & Priorities**

Dean Aimée Surprenant presented on Graduate Education at VT and priorities for the coming academic year with discussion on additional priorities held among members.

## **Constituency Updates**

### Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Mr. Leff reported that the Graduate and Professional Student Senate will be working on 30 resolutions this year addressing a number of issues impacting graduate and professional students. These resolutions can be found on the [GPSS website](#).

#### Graduate Honor System

No report.

#### University Library Committee

The University Library Committee will hold their first meeting on September 13, 2021.

#### Faculty Senate

Dr. Shew shared information about an [open letter to President Sands and Provost Clarke](#) that has been circulating campus regarding disability accommodations during the ongoing pandemic. The Faculty Senate voted to sign in support of the letter.

#### Undergraduate Student Senate

Ms. Upson reported that elections are being held in October.

#### Board of Visitors Representative

Mr. Miskovic reported the Board of Visitors met this past weekend. Mr. Miskovic recommends a presentation on the Graduate Education Task Force report be given to the Board of Visitors in an upcoming meeting.

### **University Council and Commission Updates**

#### University Council

Dr. Feuerstein noted the first University Council meeting will be September 20, 2021. CGPSP 2021-22A – Resolution to Discontinue the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Educational Research and Evaluation (EDRE) and CGPSP 2021-22B – Resolution to Change the Grading mode at

VTCSOM from Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory with Opportunities for Letters of Distinction in Each Year 3 Clerkship to Honors/High Pass/Pass/Fail will be reviewed.

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs

No report.

Commission on Student Affairs

No report.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

Dr. Holloway reported this commission has not yet had their first meeting of the academic year.

**Announcements**

Dean DePauw welcomed Dean Surprenant and gave her thanks to all commission members for their service.

Dr. Feuerstein thanked Dean DePauw for all her support and work with the Commission.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Janice E. Austin

On behalf of Aimée Surprenant, Ph.D.

Dean for Graduate Education