

MINUTES

Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies

October 6, 2021, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

238 GLC and Zoom

Present: Montasir Abbas, Coy Allen, Kayla Alward, Nancy Bodenhorn, Amanda Covey, Christina DiMarino, Joe Eifert, Marcia Feuerstein, Chip Frazier, Rachel Holloway (ex officio), Barbara Hoopes, Maruf Hoque, Jack Leff, Kaitlyn Malewicz, Phillip Miskovic, Hannah Parks, Roan Parrish, Cliff Shaffer, Aimée Surprenant (ex officio), Scott Weimer, Jordan Wescott, Pengtao Yue.

Absent with notification: Nathaniel Porter, Robert Sumichrast, Hannah Jane Upson.

Absent without notification: Amanda Burroughs, Eleni Laskaridou, Ashley Shew, Richard Vari, Tyler Walters (ex officio).

Visitors and invited guests: Janice Austin, Lori Buchanan, Paul Emmons, Bill Huckle, Kevin Kish, April Myers, Kim Thomason.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Feuerstein at 3:31 p.m. A quorum was verified.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as amended.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of September 15, 2021 were approved electronically.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee

Dr. Allen reported GCC has met twice since our last meeting. The minutes are in the Sharepoint site for CGPS&P members to review.

Graduate Student Appeals Committee

Dean Surprenant reported no appeals are pending.

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

Dr. Hoopes reported they met on September 22nd and discussed the retroactive degree process with information attached to their report. Criteria on awarding posthumous degrees is going through final revisions; will be brought to the Commission at the next meeting. DRSCAP is working on streamlining the disability accommodation process for student as well as the English proficiency requirements.

Old Business

Dr. Huckle shared that progress on the Graduate Education Task Force recommendations continues to move forward. The recommendations and updates are available on the Graduate School website.

Ms. Kim Thomason, the new Virginia Tech Coordinator of Child Care Initiatives, shared information on her work.

Dr. Bill Huckle provided an overview of interdisciplinary graduate education at Virginia Tech.

SCHEV has approved the renaming of the Department of Interprofessionalism to the Department of Health Systems and Implementation Science (CGPSP 2020-21E).

New Business

Dean Surprenant reported on the Office of Strategic Affairs survey for diversity and innovation think tank facilitated discussions. We will add a facilitated discussion to the next CGPS&P agenda.

Mr. Leff presented GPSS Resolution 2021-22A: *Resolution to Establish a University Policy Governing Task Forces and Working Groups* for first reading.

Mr. Leff presented GPSS Resolution 2021-22E: *Resolution to Change Constitution to Move Transition of Power to Spring* for first reading. CGPS&P recommends a wording change from *power* to *leadership* in the title of the resolution.

Mr. Leff presented GPSS Resolution 2021-22B: *Resolution to Make 12-month Graduate Contracts the Default Contract* for first reading.

Graduate School Updates

Dean Surprenant noted Graduate School updates will be provided at a later date.

Constituency Updates

Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Mr. Leff reported that Graduate and Professional Student Senate have additional resolutions coming forward in the next meetings.

Graduate Honor System

Ms. Alward reported there are two active cases. Faculty panelists are needed to serve, please contact GHS of those interested.

University Library Committee

No report.

Faculty Senate

Dr. Abbas reported the OSP faculty working group continues to work to improve processes.

Undergraduate Student Senate

No report.

Board of Visitors Representative

Mr. Miskovic requested commission members share on any information on statistics and reports assessing the holistic value of graduate students with him.

University Council and Commission Updates

University Council

Dr. Feuerstein reported University Council approved CGPSP 2021-22A and CGPSP 2021-22B at the October 4th meeting.

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs

No report.

Commission on Student Affairs

No report.

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

No report.

Announcements

Mr. Hoque announced a Google Services for Education survey was sent out this Monday; please complete the survey.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Janice E. Austin

On behalf of Aimée Surprenant, Ph.D.

Dean for Graduate Education