

CGPSP Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2020  
3:30 – 5:00 pm

**Present:** Madlyn Frisard, Montasir Abbas, Pengtao Yue, Coy Allen, Marcia Feuerstein, Barbara Hoopes, Nancy Bodenhorn, Cliff Shaffer, Paul Emmons, Nathaniel Porter, Hannah Parks, Awad Abdelhalim, Gabriela Carillo, Robert Sumachrist, Karen DePauw (ex officio)

**Absent with Notification:** Richard Vari, Gabriela Carillo, Sabrina Sturgeon

**Absent without Notification:** Lesa Hanlin, Sarah Karpanty, Kayla Alward, Hypatia Alexandria, Ashley Shew, Maruf Hoque

**Visitors and Invited Guests:** Janice Austin, Bill Huckle, Kevin Edgar, Kyle Schwing

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 pm. A quorum was not reached initially, so approval of the minutes and agenda were postponed until after the committee reports. A motion was made and approved for voting to be based on abstentions and votes opposed, due to zoom limitations.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved with one unofficial modification for a rearrangement of items due to Kyle Schwing not joining the call until 4:00

**Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes from the November 4, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

**Committee Reports**

Graduate Curriculum Committee – Marcia Feuerstein

The GCC approved two courses as-is (ECE 5805 – 5806, CHEM 5134), 14 – including one Summer - with minor revisions (AAEC 5484, APSC 5814, DASC 6274, AOE 5784, CEE 5390, ECE 5494, ISE 5624, EDCO 6484, HD 5104, PHS 5704, VM 8020, VM 8214, VM, 9224, APSC 5234), discontinued ISE 5615 – 5616, and approved an effective catalog 2020-2021 certificate revision for Local Government Management.

Graduate Student Appeals Committee – Karen DePauw

There are no open appeals at this time.

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

Barbara Hoopes

DRSCAP continues to work within three subcommittees.

- Retirement of Presidential Policy Memorandum (PPM) 194: the draft resolution is currently being reviewed by the four main committees for feedback. Staff Senate has responded with no additional comment, and Faculty Senate is working on their remarks.
- Posthumous Graduate Degree Procedures: A framework for new procedures was drafted and continues to be reviewed. An in-memorium citation for those who do not fulfill the core requirement of a posthumous degree is being explored. The sub-committee is also looking at the nomination process and timeline, including possible date limitations for initial requests.
- Goals of Doctoral Residency: The committee continues to review the current goals of residency, which will be discussed further at future meetings.

The next meeting of DRSCAP will occur after the Thanksgiving holiday on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

No old business

### **New Business**

IPhD Proposal: Kyle Schwing – William Huckle and Kyle Schwing  
(presented after Constituency Updates)

Bill Huckle began with a review of the IPhD process for new commission members. The IPhD program (Individualized, Interdisciplinary PhD) was developed to allow students to design their own program when the existing degree offerings do not fit their particular areas of interest, and their particular areas of interest necessitate an interdisciplinary approach. CGPSP typically chooses a few members to do a close reading of the proposal before the first reading and presentation at a CGPSP meeting. The commission will then further review the proposal, and at the second meeting the proposal will be put to a vote.

Kyle Schwing then presented his proposal - Measuring the Might of Messaging in Machines and Mankind: Simulating the Impact of Communication in Self-Organizing Engineered and Social Systems - which can be found for detailed review on the SharePoint. Close readers then shared their comments and notes for possible revisions.

To end, Karen DePauw offered a few comments regarding the IPhD process:

- A reminder to the commission that this is a degree proposal, not a research proposal. While there may be some questions related to his research, these details will be teased out later.
- Ethics, diversity, and inclusion requirements will be integrated into Kyle's proposal and all future IPhD proposals.
- As part of the process, any conflicts of interest regarding Kyle's employment and his degree program will be reviewed and addressed. Kyle noted that since he currently works for the government, his employer is already keen on separation of work affairs and academic affairs, and his employer will not own any IP related to his doctoral research. The centers he will be working with are also aware of his contract limitations.

The commission also proposed a change in the proposal's name, partially for the use of the term, "mankind". It was recommended by Dean DePauw that this term not be used.

### **Graduate School Update – Karen DePauw**

No academic changes to report. Updates:

- The School of Environmental Security is coming out of 15 day review and will come to the commission soon.
- The BOV passed the constitutional revisions related to revoking degrees, as already approved by the commission. Monika Gibson will be updating the website accordingly.
- The search committee for the new Vice President and Dean of Graduate Studies has been chosen, and invitations have gone out. The search committee will have student representation, and their first charge meeting should occur in December. The search firm Isaacson & Miller will gather candidates, and ideally the candidates will have an on-campus interview in Spring, with a final candidate chosen by the end of the Spring semester. This will allow for overlap and a smooth transition before Dean DePauw's target retirement date of August 1, 2021.
- The next Graduate Program Directors Meeting will occur on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:00 pm
- The Graduate School is happy to announce that James L. Moore III will receive the Graduate Achievement Award at Fall commencement. James earned both his Masters and PhD in Counselor Education at Virginia Tech, and currently serves as the Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion at Ohio State.
- The delayed drop date announced by the university only applies to undergraduate students. A clarified communication should go out soon. Graduate students wishing to drop late may face consequences in regards to their immigration status or employment. However, students may opt for a WG course drop instead of a full withdrawal.

### **Constituency Updates**

Graduate Student Assembly – No representative

Graduate Student Honor System – No representative

University Library Committee – Nathaniel Porter and Tyler Walter

The University Libraries Committee has been in contract negotiations with Elsevier, and hopes to have a settled contract by December. The library continues to offer in-person services, although the number of visits this semester have dropped between one-fourth and one-third of their usual foot traffic before shutdown. Like many departments, they continue to develop plans for reopening fully or adjusting operations in Spring.

Faculty Senate – No representative

Student Government Association – No representative

Board of Visitors – No representative

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

University Council – Madlyn Frisard

University Council approved the Climate Action Commitment.

Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs – No representative

Commission on Student Affairs – No representative

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies – No representative

### **Announcements and Discussion**

None

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Kehr

On behalf of Karen P. DePauw, Ph.D.

Vice President and Dean of Graduate Studies