

MINUTES

Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies

November 6, 2019

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Graduate School Conference Room

Present: John Hole, Chair, Mehdi Ahmadian, Hani Awni, Lujean Baab, Charles Nichols (for Nancy Bodenhorn), Karen DePauw (ex officio), Marcia Feuerstein, Madlyn Frisard, Cynthia Hampton, Lesa Hanlin, Barbara Hoopes, Maruf Hoque, Joseph Kozak, Anurag Mantha, Hannah Parks, Nathaniel Porter, Cliff Shaffer, Ashley Shew, Robert Sumichrast, and Tyler Walters (ex officio).

Absent with notification: Coy Allen, Rachel Holloway (ex officio), and Paul Emmons.

Absent without notification: Alexis Hruby and Sarah Karpanty.

Visitors and invited guests: Janice Austin, Kevin Edgar, and Ryan King.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Hole at 3:30 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of October 16, 2019 were approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee

Dr. Frisard presented the Graduate Curriculum Committee minutes of October 24, 2019. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Graduate Student Appeals Committee

Dr. DePauw reported there are no appeals.

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

Dr. Baab reported on a written report that is attached to these minutes. DRSCAP last met on October 28th. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 11th. A new resolution will likely be available for the next CGPSP meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Dr. Frisard presented a request to reduce the number of committee members from three to two for the M.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics. The revision was accepted by the Commission members.

Dr. Hole presented the proposed open access policy currently drafted for faculty. It is unclear if graduate students and staff should be included in this policy. DRSCAP was asked to investigate if graduate students can be added to this policy and to request if there are legal considerations or other issues that should be researched and considered when adding graduate students to the policy.

Dr. Edgar presented the CUSP Resolution 2019-20 E. The purpose of the resolution is to create a school of communications and new programs under that school. The Department of Communications would be subsumed into the new school.

Graduate School Update

Dr. DePauw attended the Faculty Senate meeting last week to discuss holistic admissions. She will attend the Commission on Research tomorrow to discuss graduate education. The site alignment process for graduate programs in the metro Washington area has begun. Dr. DePauw will chair the committee. Dr. DePauw will travel to the Northern Virginia Center next week and have additional conversations with students and faculty regarding possible changes in the future.

Included in the notification of academic changes, the MEng has been approved.

Constituency Updates

Graduate Student Assembly

Mr. Awni reported the GSA is having a discussion about the constitution's structure and possible improvements to be proposed in the future.

Graduate Honor System

Mr. Mantha reported there are six cases currently open.

University Library Committee

Dr. Walters reported the committee met on October 30th and will meet again in December to discuss the strategic planning process.

Faculty Senate

Dr. Ahmadian reported on the Faculty Senate discussion regarding the university's goal to become 100% dependent on renewable energy by 2025. There is also a Faculty Affairs resolution being considered regarding student absences for religious holidays. It will be presented at the next University Council meeting.

Student Government Association

There was no report.

Board of Visitors

Mr. King reported on his meeting with Dr. Clarke regarding accessibility issues. There will not be another meeting before the next BOV meeting. Mr. King also commented on the potential that students are recruited without adequate resources during their enrollment. He will continue to explore these concerns and provide information to the BOV members.

University Council and Commission Updates

Dr. Hole reported that University Council discussed the budget and noted 16% of our budget is from the state. The undergraduate enrollment at fall census was 7700 students, approximately 1000 more students than forecasted. Next year's undergraduate enrollment target is not known. Enterprise risk assessment was discussed as it related to the possible impact on the expansion of the university with the addition of a new campus in the metro Washington area.

There were no updates from the Commission on Student Affairs.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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