

MINUTES

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

February 6, 2019

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Rajesh Bagchi (Chair), Lujean Baab, Nancy Bodenhorn, Karen DePauw (ex officio), Samantha Fried, Madlyn Frisard, Cynthia Hampton, Lesa Hanlin, John Hole, Joseph Kozak, Kathy Lu, Chris Reilly (for Xin Luo), Anurag Mantha, Gail McMillan, Hannah Parks, Martina Svyantek, Veronica Warda, and Zhiwu Xie.

Absent with notification: Mehdi Ahmadian, Rachel Holloway (ex officio), and Annie Pearce.

Absent without notification: Paul Emmons, Sarah Karpanty, Nick Rexroad, Robert Sumichrast, Richard Vari, and Tyler Walters (ex officio),

Visitors and invited guests: Alan Asbeck, Zo Amani, Janice Austin, Kevin Edgar, Monka Gibson, Bill Huckle, Tim Pote, Alyssa Rametta, Ashley Shew, and Will Walton.

Call to Order

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

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of December 5, 2018 were approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee

The Graduate Curriculum Committee minutes of January 24, 2019 were accepted as presented. Six of eight proposals were approved. Two proposals have been tabled.

Graduate Student Appeals Committee

Dr. Bodenhorn reported a recommendation of an appeal transacted at the end of fall semester has been forwarded to Dr. DePauw. The student is continuing appeal options at a higher level.

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

Dr. Bodenhorn reported on recommendations for website transparency. Data has been considered to assist with reporting. Reporting will maintain consistency with Institutional Research's format of reporting by degree.

Old Business

The second reading of the CGS&P Resolution 2018-2019D for Graduate Student Candidacy Status Post-prelim was considered. Discussion followed with the GSA representatives providing additional feedback. The second reading was approved by the CGS&P membership with an amendment to the second paragraph.

The second reading of the CGS&P Resolution 2018-2019E for Graduate Assistantship Policy was considered. Discussion followed with the GSA representatives providing additional feedback. The second reading was approved by the CGS&P membership.

New Business

Tim Pote presented his iPhD proposal to the membership. Discussion followed with consideration for the uniqueness of the iPhD proposal as opposed to pursuing a mechanical engineering degree. The proposal will be reviewed by the membership at the next CGS&P meeting.

Ms. Parks presented a proposal for the MEng course-work only degree. The proposal was approved by the membership.

Graduate School Update

Dr. DePauw reported on the Innovation Campus developments. She is a representative on many committees reviewing the needs for the new campus. Dr. DePauw also noted there are two bids to redesign the Northern Virginia Center. A final decision has not yet been made. There is no change in graduate programs at the Northern Virginia Center in the foreseeable future. An MEng in Computer Science is under consideration. The goal remains to enroll fifty new students next fall.

There was no notification of academic changes.

Constituency Updates

Graduate Student Assembly

There was no report.

Graduate Honor System

There was no report.

University Library Committee

There was no report.

Faculty Senate

There was no report.

Student Government Association

There was no report.

Board of Visitors

There was no report.

University Council and Commission Updates

There was no report.

There were no other commission updates.

Announcements

Mr. Amani announced the application process for 2019-2020 student BOV representatives is open.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

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