

MINUTES

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

February 20, 2019

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Rajesh Bagchi (Chair), Karen DePauw (ex officio), Paul Emmons, Samantha Fried, Madlyn Frisard, Cynthia Hampton, John Hole, Rachel Holloway (ex officio), Joseph Kozak, Kathy Lu, Xin Luo, Anurag Mantha, Gail McMillan, Hannah Parks, Annie Pearce, and Tyler Walters (ex officio).

Absent with notification: Lujean Baab, Nancy Bodenhorn, Kathy Lu, Robert Sumichrast, and Martina Svyantek.

Absent without notification: Mehdi Ahmadian, Lesa Hanlin, Sarah Karpanty, Nick Rexroad, and Zhiwu Xie.

Visitors and invited guests: Zo Amani, Kevin Edgar, Catherine Grimes, Bill Huckle, and Marin Riegger.

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 February 6, 2019 were approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee

The Graduate Curriculum Committee minutes of February 14, 2019 were accepted as presented. Five courses were approved, and two courses were tabled pending major revisions.

Graduate Student Appeals Committee

There was no report.

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

There was no report.

Old Business

Dr. Huckle introduced Tim Pote's iPhD proposal for its review and action by the CGS&P membership. Dr. Huckle has advised Tim to consider adding the courses recommended by the CGS&P membership at the last meeting. After further discussion, CGS&P approved the iPhD proposal. Dr. Huckle will notify Tim of the approval.

New Business

There was no new business.

Graduate School Update

Dr. DePauw reported the graduate student climate survey has been distributed. She also reported on the various Innovation Campus committees working to implement financing, structure, academic plans, student services among other content areas. The initial location will be in Falls Church. The new campus will not be completed for another five years. There were two bids through the PPEA looking at the Falls Church area and considering a design rebuild. The next phase will be advanced later in April or May and will likely accept the proposed plans. A survey will be sent to select individuals for consideration of the re-naming of the northern Virginia area. A graduate program directors spring meeting will be held March 7th. Dr. DePauw has reminded departments of the need to submit plans to include courses or other instructional modules that would satisfy the inclusion and diversity expectation. The next BOV meeting March 31st – April 1st will highlight graduate education. Many opportunities will be available for graduate students and Dr. DePauw to engage the BOV membership regarding current issues, interests, and future plans for graduate education.

There were no notifications of academic changes.

Constituency Updates

Graduate Student Assembly

Ms. Fried reported Veronica Scott has resigned from her position. The GSA will hold elections to identify a replacement. There has not been an Assembly meeting since the last CGS&P meeting.

Graduate Honor System

Mr. Mantha reported he has four open cases from fall. There are no new spring cases.

University Library Committee

There was no report.

Faculty Senate

Ms. McMillan reported the Faculty Senate is aware of the need for faculty to participate in the graduate student research symposium in March.

Student Government Association

There was no report.

Board of Visitors

Mr. Amani reported the application process has closed for next year's BOV representatives. Applications are being evaluated and a decision will be made soon.

University Council and Commission Updates

Dr. Bagchi reported CGS&P Resolution 2018-19D and CGS&P Resolution 2018-19E had first readings at University Council this past Monday. The CGS&P Resolution 2018-2019D included a resolution of support from the GSA. Discussion ensued regarding University Council's response to the reading of CGS&P Resolution 2018-2019D. The CGS&P membership re-stated their continuing support of CGS&P Resolution 2018-2019D.

Ms. Hampton reported on the Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs. The Director of Strategic Planning spoke about the ongoing draft of the new university strategic plan. Also, there was an announcement that a CAPFA listserv has now been created. All A/P faculty will be listed on the listserv but can opt-out if they like.

Dr. Holloway reported that the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies is considering the treatment of medical withdrawals. This discussion will be on-going by the commission.

There were no other commission updates.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

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