

## **MINUTES**

### **Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies**

**March 6, 2019**

**3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Graduate School Conference Room**

**Present:** Rajesh Bagchi (Chair), Lujean Baab, Nancy Bodenhorn, Karen DePauw (ex officio), Paul Emmons, Samantha Fried, Madlyn Frisard, Cynthia Hampton, Lesa Hanlin, John Hole, Rachel Holloway (ex officio), Xin Luo, Anurag Mantha, Gail McMillan, Hannah Parks, Martina Svyantek, and Zhiwu Xie.

**Absent with notification:** Sarah Karpanty, Joseph Kozak, Kathy Lu, Annie Pearce, and Robert Sumichrast.

**Absent without notification:** Mehdi Ahmadian, Nick Rexroad, and Tyler Walters (ex officio).

**Visitors and invited guests:** Janice Austin, Deborah Carlier, Catherine Grimes, Bill Huckle, Alyssa Rametta, Cliff Shaffer, and Tremayne Waller.

### **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 20, 2019 were approved as presented.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Graduate Curriculum Committee**

The Graduate Curriculum Committee minutes of February 28, 2019 were accepted as presented. Five courses were approved. The proposed MEng degree for the Innovation Campus was approved, pending minor revisions.

#### **Graduate Student Appeals Committee**

Dr. Bodenhorn reported there are no current appeals pending. The student appeal made to SCHEV of a previous appeal is still pending.

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

Dr. Bodenhorn had no report.

## **Old Business**

There was no report.

## **New Business**

Dr. Bagchi reminded everyone that we will soon consider elections for next year's chair and vice chair. A review of the responsibilities of the positions was discussed.

Dr. DePauw reported on the updates to the Innovation Campus. She reviewed the various committee structures, including an executive team supported by eight committees. The goal is to enroll fifty new graduate students in computer science in Fall of 2019. Forty-three are expected to graduate by Fall of 2020. Conversations are on-going for recruitment development. Dr. DePauw commended Dr. Shaffer for his work in developing the new MEng degree and courses. Dr. Holloway reported on the expected growth of undergraduate students, potentially 2000 new students that will raise total enrollment to 30,000. Buildings and infrastructure needs are being reviewed, with some structures already under construction.

Dr. Shaffer presented the proposal for the new MEng degree that will be offered on the Innovation Campus. This differs from the thesis-required, research-based, degree offered in Blacksburg. The second reading of the resolution will be held at the next meeting.

## **Graduate School Update**

Dr. DePauw announced Grad Ed Week is the week of March 25<sup>th</sup>. A final agenda will be distributed shortly. Reviewers are needed for the Research Symposium. Tomorrow is the Graduate Program Directors spring meeting; all are welcome to attend. Dr. DePauw will be in Richmond next week and travel to the state of Washington in April to celebrate graduate alumni. On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, we celebrate fifty years of graduate education in northern Virginia. Everyone is welcome to participate in this celebration.

There are no notifications of academic changes to report.

## **Constituency Updates**

### Graduate Student Assembly

Ms. Fried reported the vice president election has not yet been held. Nominations are due by March 8<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Svyantek reported on the need for judges for the Research Symposium. Joe Hanson is the guest speaker.

### Graduate Honor System

Mr. Mantha reported there are three open cases. One case was recently dismissed.

### University Library Committee

Dr. Xie reported the Library Committee does not have a new report. There are internal conversations with Library staff to assist in providing support in northern Virginia.

### Faculty Senate

Ms. McMillan had no report on graduate education as related to the Faculty Senate. She did report that the Faculty Senate will discuss open access at its next meeting. A discussion continued about open access and journal publishing. Ms. McMillan offered the following link for additional information:

<https://sites.google.com/a/vt.edu/cor-oa-policy-working-group/> or <http://bit.ly/vtoapolicy>.

### Student Government Association

There was no report.

### Board of Visitors

There was no report.

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

Dr. Bagchi reported the two CGS&P resolutions presented as a second reading at University Council were approved. Dr. DePauw thanked Dr. Bagchi for his support in presenting the resolutions. Dr. DePauw noted a financial plan for changes to candidacy status will be developed prior to the resolution being sent to the BOV.

Dr. Baab reported that CAPFA had no report relevant to CGS&P.

There were no other commission updates.

### **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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