

MINUTES

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

March 20, 2019

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Rajesh Bagchi (Chair), Lujean Baab, Nancy Bodenhorn, Samantha Fried, Madlyn Frisard, Cynthia Hampton, John Hole, Xin Luo, Anurag Mantha, Gail McMillan, Hannah Parks, Annie Pearce, Martina Svyantek, Tyler Walters (ex officio), and Zhiwu Xie.

Absent with notification: Karen DePauw (ex officio), Paul Emmons, Lesa Hanlin, Rachel Holloway (ex officio), Joseph Kozak, Kathy Lu, and Robert Sumichrast,

Absent without notification: Mehdi Ahmadian, Sarah Karpanty, and Nick Rexroad,

Visitors and invited guests: Zo Amani, Janice Austin, Debbie Carlier, Bill Huckle, Peggy Layne, Kevin McGuire, and Cliff Shaffer.

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 March 6, 2019 were approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee

The Graduate Curriculum Committee did not meet since the last CGS&P meeting.

Graduate Student Appeals Committee

There was no report.

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

Dr. Bodenhorn reported there has not been a recent meeting. Items will be coming up and include discussions about Elements.

Old Business

Resolution 2018-2019F was approved by the membership.

Nominations were requested for the position of chair and vice chair. Currently, John Hole has been nominated for chair. Madlyn Frisard has been nominated for vice chair and chair of GCC. Elections will be held at the next meeting.

New Business

Peggy Layne introduced Elements, a software system that will track faculty activities. This will track scholarly works, publications, and professional development. It will have the ability to import publication information from popular and not so familiar websites. Elements will communicate with VT Works.

Dr. McGuire provided a copy of and presented information on the draft faculty open access proposal. This proposed policy does not include graduate students. Consideration may be given to expand this document to include graduate students and other employees. Discussion was held by the membership and his presentation will be made available on SharePoint. Dr. McGuire will meet with CGS&P next fall when a formal resolution from the Commission on Research becomes available.

Graduate School Update

There was no update.

Constituency Updates

Graduate Student Assembly

Ms. Fried reported the next GSA meeting will be held tomorrow. A vice president will be announced soon. Ms. Svyantek reported judges are still needed for the research symposium next week.

Graduate Honor System

Mr. Mantha had no new cases to report.

University Library Committee

Dr. Xie indicated the committee is identifying information to share in the near future.

Faculty Senate

Ms. McMillan reported there is no information from the Faculty Senate.

Student Government Association

There was no report.

Board of Visitors

Mr. Amani reported there are three candidates for next year's graduate BOV representative. The student will be elected at the next BOV meeting.

University Council and Commission Updates

Dr. Bagchi reported there were no updates to report from University Council.

Dr. Baab reported there were no updates from the Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs.

There were no other commission updates.

Announcements

Dr. Austin reported that next week is Graduate Education Week.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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