

MINUTES

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

March 21, 2018

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Alan Abrahams, Lujean Baab, Adwoa Baah-Dwomoh, Rajesh Bagchi (chair), Sudip Bhattacharjee, Nancy Bodenhorn, Karen DePauw (ex officio), Lesa Hanlin, John Hole, Erin Lavender-Stott, Peizhen Lu, Hannah Parks, Martina Svyantek, Hannah Whiteman, and Gail McMillan (for Zhiwu Xie).

Absent with notification: Jacob Barney, Kevin Edgar, Eric Hill, Rachel Holloway, Alex Hyler, Xin Luo, Brett Netto, Sally Paulson, Annie Pearce, Robert Sumichrast, and Tyler Walters (ex officio).

Absent without notification:

Visitors and invited guests: Zach Duer, Muhammad Hajj, Bryan Hanson, Bill Huckle, Charles Nichols, Simone Paterson, Michael Rhoades, and Kenneth Wong.

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 amended.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of February 21, 2018 were approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee

The minutes of February 22, 2018 were accepted as presented. Dr. Bagchi reported three proposals were tabled, and all others approved.

Graduate Student Appeals Committee

Dr. DePauw reported there are no appeals under review.

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

Dr. Bodenhorn deferred her report on Resolution 2017-18A until the Old Business discussion.

DRSCAP met last week and had a lively discussion about transfer credits, except that we were discussing the wrong question, so we might have a suggested change of policy about transfers once we have the right discussion.

Constituency Updates

Graduate Student Assembly

Dr. Baah-Dwomoh reported a GSA meeting will be held tomorrow. The Graduate Research Symposium will be held next Wednesday with a guest speaker.

Graduate Honor System

Ms. Lavender-Stott reported three cases are moving through the system. She is also working on the revisions to the Constitution.

University Library Committee

There was no report.

Faculty Senate

Dr. Barney deferred the Faculty Senate's response to CGS&P Resolution 2017-18A to Old Business.

Student Government Association

Ms. Whiteman reported officer elections are underway.

Board of Visitors

There was no report.

University Council and Commission Updates

Dr. Bagchi reported that University Council did not meet.

Dr. Baah-Dwomoh reported on the Commission of Student Affairs. The Commission met with the BOV candidates for student positions. The international street fair is changing, and student organizations will not be able to serve food. Pre-packaged food will be allowed. Additional options are being considered.

Dr. Holloway, in absentia, sent in a report that she had no relevant news to report from CUSP.

There were no other commission updates.

Graduate School Update

Dr. DePauw reported the BOV will meet this weekend. The new student representatives will be interviewed by the BOV at the meeting. The student compensation package will also be on the agenda.

Dr. DePauw reported on the notifications of academic changes. Modifications to the PhD in Statistics have been approved. A new accelerated SPIA Program with Wuchang University of Technology has been approved. The agreement was signed yesterday. An accelerated/modified 4+1 Masters in Urban Resource Planning has been approved.

Old Business

Dr. Bodenhorn reported that she and Dr. Bagchi met with the Faculty Senate on March 13th. Dr. Bodenhorn, Dr. Matheis, and Dr. Huckle met with CEOD on March 19th. These discussions regarding the CGS&P Resolution 2017-18A were helpful. CEOD officially voted to endorse the CGS&P Resolution 2017-18A and there was an appropriate discussion. A letter has been received from Faculty Senate indicating lack of support from the faculty and encouragement that if and when a plan is initiated, it be delivered as a pilot program. A soft roll-out as a pilot program for Fall of 2019 was recommended by Dr. DePauw. An amendment will be made prior to the resolution moving forward.

New Business

Several commissioners attended the iThenticate training held today. The members are excited and encouraged to have this tool and found the training to be very helpful.

Dr. DePauw presented the concept and expectations for the iPhD program. Dr. Huckle introduced Dr. Paterson and explained his role in supporting Mr. Rhoades. Mr. Rhoades presented his iPhD proposal. Dr. Paterson commented on Mr. Rhoades dedication to learning and his ability to be a role model to other students. She is confident of his ability to complete the iPhD in a timely fashion.

Dr. Hanson provided an overview of his 2016-2017 annual report from the Ombuds Office. He explained his purpose in serving the Graduate School community and listening and assisting in the resolution of stressful situations. He stressed the significance of confidentiality and informality. He has served 158 faculty, students, and others throughout the year. Dr. Hanson provided commentary on the data he has captured throughout the year, noting the types of issues experienced by his clientele. He provided three recommendations, as supported through the provided documents reviewed by the Commission.

Ms. Lavender-Stott presented the reasons for developing revisions to the GHS Constitution. The Commission supported the first reading of the constitution and the second reading will be held at the next meeting.

Dr. DePauw commented that the re-envisioning of the PhD was demonstrated today with the iPhD proposal.

Announcements

Dr. DePauw reminded everyone that Grad Ed Week will be held next week.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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