

MINUTES

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

April 3, 2019

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Rajesh Bagchi (Chair), Lujean Baab, Nancy Bodenhorn, Paul Emmons, Samantha Fried, Madlyn Frisard, Lesa Hanlin, John Hole, Rachel Holloway (ex officio), Alexis Hruby, Joseph Kozak, Kathy Lu, Xin Luo, Anurag Mantha, Gail McMillan, Hannah Parks, Annie Pearce, Martina Svyantek, Veronica Warda, and Zhiwu Xie.

Absent with notification: Mehdi Ahmadian, Karen DePauw (ex officio), Cynthia Hampton, and Robert Sumichrast.

Absent without notification: Sarah Karpanty, Nick Rexroad, and Tyler Walters (ex officio).

Visitors and invited guests: Janice Austin, Bill Huckle, Will Makowski, Alyssa Rametta, and Andy Schaudt.

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 with revisions.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of March 20, 2019 were approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee

The Graduate Curriculum Committee minutes of March 28, 2019 were accepted as presented. Dr Hole reported twenty-five proposals were accepted at the last meeting for the new natural resources program for northern Virginia.

Graduate Student Appeals Committee

There was no report.

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

Dr. Bodenhorn reported the committee will meet next week.

Old Business

Dr. Bagchi called for additional nominations for chair and vice chair. The nomination for chair is Dr. Hole. He was elected by unanimous proclamation. The nomination for vice chair is Dr. Frisard. She was elected by unanimous proclamation.

New Business

Dr. Huckle introduced Will Makowski. Mr. Makowski presented his iPhD proposal to the membership followed by a question and answer session. Mr. Makowski will incorporate recommendations made by the Commission. The membership will again review the proposal at the next meeting.

The SGA resolution for accommodating religious and cultural absences was reviewed by the membership. It was noted that other groups are also working on this topic. The following comments will be offered to the SGA:

The two student groups should coordinate their efforts.

The university needs to recognize the process that would be university wide and not defined by the professor.

Faculty Senate will need to be involved with the development of the process.

Dr. Huckle reported on the activities of the most recent Board of Visitors meeting. The neuroscience degree was approved. The name change for CGS&P was approved. The medical school honor system was approved. Compensation packages included a 3% increase for stipends. Tuition increased for everyone except in-state undergraduates. Ryan King is the new graduate student Board of Visitors representative. Dr. Holloway reported ACRA was focused on graduate education and enjoyed the faculty panel led by Dr. DePauw. She also reported that the Board of Visitors members enjoyed breakfast with the graduate students. Anurag reported on the support from a Board of Visitors member regarding the post prelim proposal. The task force on mental health will be discussed by the Board of Visitors in June, per Dr. Holloway.

Graduate School Update

There was no report.

Constituency Updates

Graduate Student Assembly

Ms. Svyantek reported on the success by the Graduate Research Symposium during graduate education week. Ms. Svyantek introduced Alexa Hruby as the new GSA Vice President.

Graduate Honor System

Mr. Mantha had no new cases to report.

University Library Committee

Dr. Xie will plan on reporting at the May 1st on the pilot project for graduate data management.

Faculty Senate

Ms. McMillan reported on the faculty research and assessment survey from the Faculty Senate.

Student Government Association

There was no report.

Board of Visitors

There was no report.

University Council and Commission Updates

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

Dr. Baab reported there were no updates from the CAPFA.

Dr. Holloway had no updates. There were no other commission updates.

Announcements

Dr. Holloway reminded everyone of the town hall on the innovation campus tomorrow at 4 p.m. There were no other announcements.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Marilynn R. King

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

Vice President and Dean for Graduate Education