

MINUTES

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

September 5, 2018

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Rajesh Bagchi (Chair), Lujean Baab, Nancy Bodenhorn, Karen DePauw (ex officio), Samantha Fried, Madlyn Frisard, Cynthia Hampton, Lesa Hanlin, John Hole, Sarah Karpanty, Kathy Lu, Xin Luo, Anurag Mantha, Hannah Parks, Annie Pearce, Martina Svyantek, Veronica Warda, and Zhiwu Xie.

Absent with notification: Rachel Holloway (ex officio) and Robert Sumichrast.

Absent without notification: Paul Emmons, Alan Abrahams, and Tyler Walters (ex officio).

Visitors and invited guests: Zo Amani, Janice Austin, Kevin Edgar, Cathy Grimes and Bill Huckle.

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 modified with the Graduate Honor System report following the approval of the minutes.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of May 2, 2018 were approved with corrections.

Graduate Honor System

Anurag Mantha introduced himself. He is a Ph.D. student serving as Chair of the Graduate Honor System this year. The changes in the constitution have included changing the title of Chief Justice to Chair of the Graduate Honor System. Mr. Mantha was ratified as the Chair of the Graduate Honor System by the Commission membership. His report will be shared on the CGS&P SharePoint site. He also shared the following announcement with the membership. The Graduate Honor System is seeking new faculty members to serve as panelists to review evidence and determine the outcome of GHS cases. The time commitment is about 3-4 hours a year based on the number of cases and availability to participate in scheduled hearings, in addition to a 30-45 minute training session. If you are interested in serving, contact GHS Chair Anurag Mantha (ghs@vt.edu), to set up a brief meeting to discuss the role. If multiple faculty volunteer from one department, a departmental training can be arranged as well.

Overview of CGS&P, including Committee Structure and Charge to CGS&P

Dr. Bagchi provided an overview of the Commission and the reporting of its actions to the University Council. He summarized the representation of the membership. Additional detailed information is available on the VT governance website.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee

Dr. Hole announced the first meeting will be held next week.

Graduate Student Appeals Committee

There was no report.

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

Dr. Bagchi called for nominations for the DRSCAP Committee. Martina Svyantek, Nancy Bodenhorn, Lujean Baab, Madlyn Frisard, and Anurag Mantha have volunteered to serve as committee members. The DRSCAP members will select a chair at a later date.

Vice President & Dean's Progress Report & Priorities for 2018-19

Dr. DePauw presented her annual progress report and reviewed her priorities for 2018-19. The priorities will continue to be reviewed and addressed by CGS&P throughout the year. She welcomed the three new hires at the Graduate School including Dr. Kevin Edgar, Dr. Shernita Lee, and Dr. Justin Grimes. Dr. DePauw requested the membership serve as an advisory group to the Graduate School. The full report and the slide presentation are available on the CGS&P SharePoint site.

Constituency Update

Graduate Student Assembly

There was no report.

University Library Committee

There was no report.

Faculty Senate

There was no report.

Student Government Association

There was no report.

Board of Visitors

There was no report.

University Council and Commission Updates

There was no report.

There were no other commission updates.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Marilynn R. King
On behalf of Karen P. DePauw, Ph.D.
Vice President and Dean for Graduate Education