

MINUTES

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

September 6, 2017

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Kevin Edgar (Chair), Lujean Baab, Adwoa Baah-Dwomoh, Rajesh Bagchi, Nancy Bodenhorn, Karen DePauw (ex officio), Alex Hyler, Erin Lavender-Stott, Brett Netto, Sally Paulson, Libbie Sonnier-Netto, Gina French (for Robert Sumichrast), Martina Svyantek, Tyler Walters (ex officio),

Absent with notification: Sudip Bhattacharjee, Rachel Holloway (ex officio), Peizhen Lu, Xin Luo, Hannah Parks, Annie Pearce, Zhiwu Xie, and Ying Zhou.

Absent without notification: none.

Visitors and invited guests: Janice Austin, Muhammed Hajj, Bill Huckle, Tsai Yu Hsu, and Kenneth Wong.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Edgar at 3:30 p.m. Everyone introduced themselves and identified their role with the commission.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of May 3, 2017 were approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee

The minutes of August 31, 2017 were accepted as presented. Dr. Bagchi reported the committee is considering additional processes to improve the efficiency of proposal review.

Graduate Student Appeals Committee

Dr. DePauw announced there are two appeals pending. She gave examples of types of appeals reviewed by the committee. Dr. Edgar will contact commission members to serve on this committee.

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

The following commission members were elected to the committee: Lujean Baab, Martina Svyantek, Brett Netto, Bill Huckle, and Sally Paulson. Dr. Bodenhorn will chair the committee.

Constituency Updates

Graduate Student Assembly

Ms. Hyler reported 1200 students attended the welcome back barbecue. The GSA is busy planning fall semester activities and filling positions on the Assembly. A joint DACA statement will be forthcoming today.

Graduate Honor System

Ms. Lavender-Stott reported there are two open cases currently of the 18 that were reviewed over the summer. She is visiting classes to discuss academic integrity and participated in a dozen orientations across campus this fall, although there were fewer invitations to orientations than the previous year. Mr. Netto and Ms. Gibson also assisted with the orientation programs. Panelist training is set for September 27th and October 6th and advertising will begin soon.

University Library Committee

Dr. Tyler reported the first meeting will be September 19th.

Faculty Senate

There are no representatives currently.

Student Government Association

There are no representatives currently.

University Council and Commission Updates

University Council has not yet met and there is no report.

There were no other commission updates.

Graduate School Update

Dr. DePauw gave her thanks to the commission members for serving. She announced Dr. Huckle is serving as the new Associate Dean, Dr. Hanson is the new Ombudsperson, and Dr. Matheis is the new Director of Recruitment and Diversity Initiatives for the Graduate School and Ms. Beane has left her position to pursue her PhD fulltime. Dr. DePauw gave her annual address on the state of the Graduate School, including current statistics on graduate education, as well as the Provost's projected enrollment plans for the future.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Dr. DePauw discussed the masters and PhDs being offered at VT MENA in Alexandria, Egypt. VT MENA wants to expand their offerings to include the MS and MENG in Computer Science.

New Topics for CGS&P 2017-2018 was deferred until the next meeting.

Announcements

Dr. DePauw announced one hour workshops will be offered for GTA's as a result of the follow-up from Charlottesville. Advertising will be sent out through a variety of mechanisms.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

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