

MINUTES

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

October 3, 2018

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Rajesh Bagchi (Chair), Lujean Baab, Nancy Bodenhorn, Karen DePauw (ex officio), Paul Emmons, Samantha Fried, Madlyn Frisard, Cynthia Hampton, John Hole, Joseph Kozak, Kathy Lu, Xin Luo, Anurag Mantha, Hannah Parks, Martina Svyantek, and Veronica Warda.

Absent with notification: Lesa Hanlin, Rachel Holloway (ex officio), Annie Pearce, and Robert Sumichrast.

Absent without notification: Alan Abrahams, Sarah Karpanty, Tyler Walters (ex officio), and Zhiwu Xie.

Visitors and invited guests: Zo Amani, Janice Austin, Kevin Edgar, Catherine Grimes, Bill Huckle, Kacy Lawrence, Michelle Olsen, and Tremayne Waller.

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 September 19, 2018 were approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee

The Graduate Curriculum Committee Minutes of September 27, 2018 were accepted as presented. Twelve proposals were reviewed by the committee and nine proposals were approved, including a certificate. The graduate certificate will be in nuclear science.

Graduate Student Appeals Committee

There was no report.

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

The representatives to the committee have elected Dr. Bodenhorn as chair. A draft resolution is being prepared.

Old Business

Dr. Edgar reported on the NASEM Report on 21st Century Graduate Education. He provided a document that is a condensed summary of key recommendations and suggested Virginia Tech responses. The document is available on the SharePoint site. Ms. Lawrence informed the group of a plan to go live with data from the Coalition of Life Sciences. Career data will also be added to the Graduate School website in the spring. Dr. DePauw suggested an Alumni Office representative attend a future CGS&P meeting.

Dr. Olsen presented the Resolution to Establish a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Neuroscience, CGS&P 2018-2019B. The resolution was approved by the membership and has previously been forwarded to the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Graduate Student Assembly and Student Government Association for review. Further discussion will be held at University Council.

New Business

Dr. Bagchi opened up a discussion for a name change for the Commission. A suggested name change has been discussed in DRSCAP. In particular, Vet-Med and the Medical School have their own policy groups, however, there are instances when an outside review would occur through this Commission. A first reading was presented of the CGS&P Resolution 2018-2019C, A Resolution to Rename the Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies to the Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies & Policies. Dr. Bodenhorn will send this resolution to Ms. O'Rourke and the deans of Vet-Med and the Medical School for review. The resolution will not be sent to the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Graduate Student Assembly and Student Government Association until the revised language becomes available.

Graduate School Update

Dr. DePauw reported the Graduate Certificate in Nuclear Science, Technology, and Policy has been approved and is available for current students.

Dr. DePauw is considering making the EFAR available for students. ORCID identifiers are also being considered for graduate students. This identification is used in EFARS as well as attached to publications and research funding. Dr. DePauw recommended that all students being admitted would establish their ORCID account. This account is attached to the person permanently. Students would also add their ORCID identifier to their ETD.

The Graduate Program Directors Meeting will be held on October 11, 2018.

Constituency Updates

Graduate Student Assembly

Ms. Fried had no updates.

Graduate Honor System

Mr. Mantha reported there are now five open cases, with one case resolved since the last meeting.

University Library Committee

There was no report.

Faculty Senate

There was no report.

Student Government Association

There was no report.

Board of Visitors

Mr. Amani had no report.

University Council and Commission Updates

Dr. Bagchi reported the CGS&P Resolution 2018-19B, offering a master's degree in dietetics, was approved at University Council. The Library reported on e-portfolio updates. The e-portfolio will include the ability for the student to track their relationships with other companies.

There were no other commission updates.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

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