

## **MINUTES**

### **Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies**

**November 1, 2017**

**3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Graduate School Conference Room**

**Present:** Kevin Edgar (Chair), Rajesh Bagchi, Jacob Barney, Sudip Bhattacharjee, Julie Billingsley, Nancy Bodenhorn, Eric Hill, Rachel Holloway, Alex Hyler, Erin Lavender-Stott, Xin Luo, Brett Netto, Hannah Parks, Sally Paulson, Annie Pearce, Gina French (for Robert Sumichrast), Martina Svyantek, Gail McMillan (for Zhiwu Xie), and Ying Zhou.

**Absent with notification:** Alan Abrahams, Lujean Baab, Adwoa Baah-Dwomoh, Karen DePauw (ex officio), Lesa Hanlin, Peizhen Lu, Tyler Walters (ex officio).

**Absent without notification:** None.

**Visitors and invited guests:** Janice Austin, Bill Huckle, Libbie Sonnier-Netto, and Kenneth Wong.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Edgar at 3:30 p.m. Remote guests were introduced.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as amended.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of October 18, 2017 were approved as amended.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Graduate Curriculum Committee**

The minutes of October 26, 2017 were accepted as presented. Dr. Bagchi reported the next meeting agenda will be quite full.

#### **Graduate Student Appeals Committee**

The Appeals Committee reported there are two cases being considered. Decisions will be made shortly regarding these cases.

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

Dr. Bodenhorn reported last week's DRSCAP meeting was held with Dr. DePauw. The committee is seeking recommendations for the April 15<sup>th</sup> response to GA offers and defining masters' degrees. Also

being considered is what provisional acceptance would mean for holistic admission processes. The committee will not meet next week.

## **Constituency Updates**

### Graduate Student Assembly

Ms. Hyler reported a Guac Talk Meeting with the Dean will be held soon. The GSA is working on follow-up conversations about the master plan.

### Graduate Honor System

Ms. Lavender-Stott reported she will do a panelist training on November 29<sup>th</sup>. A new post-graduation case came in last week and will be scheduled shortly. A previously denied appeal moved to the next level and was heard; the denial was upheld.

### University Library Committee

Ms. McMillan reported the committee has not met.

### Faculty Senate

Dr. Barney reported the Senate met last night. Dr. Sands joined the Faculty Senate. The governance probationary status for the Faculty Senate has passed and the Senate has proven to expedite necessary actions effectively.

### Student Government Association

Ms. Billingsley reported the SGA is seeking faculty and student input as they are writing and revising a resolution to uphold policies and procedures. A committee may be appointed to assist with the project.

### Board of Visitors

Mr. Netto reported the BOV will meet this weekend. The Master Plan will be reviewed by the Board.

## **University Council and Commission Updates**

Dr. Edgar reported that University Council has not met.

Ms. Hyler reported the Commission on Student Affairs heard a report from Ted Faulkner regarding crowded dining conditions. An improved classification system for student organizations is being considered through a structure review.

There were no other commission updates.

## **Graduate School Update**

There was no report.

### **Old Business**

Dr. Bagchi reported the academic bullying website is up and running. The Dean has a presentation that is very helpful and progress has been made. Implementation is in the early stages. Dr. Bagchi encouraged others to review the website and consider suggestions for improvement. The new link will be sent to the Commission. Dr. Bagchi thanked everyone for their contributions.

The Turnitin draft was reviewed by the Commission. The tool will be available to all students, faculty and staff. The students will be required to run the report and submit it to their committee chairs prior to the thesis approval. Faculty are anxious to have this available soon. The next update on availability will likely be at the December meeting. A previously published paper used in the dissertation is acceptable and is not self-plagiarism; this language will be added to the Turnitin draft.

Dr. Bodenhorn presented revisions to last year's Resolution to Incorporate an Inclusion and Diversity Education Component into Graduate Education. This revision includes responses to a discussion with the Faculty Senate cabinet. Next steps are for this resolution to be reviewed by CEOD. After receiving responses from CEOD, the resolution will move forward to the Faculty Senate for review.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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