

Minutes
Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies
March 6, 2013
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Ms. Shaimaa Abdallah, Mr. Mehmet Altin, Mr. Jordon Booker, Mr. Marc Brodsky, Dr. Karen DePauw, Ms. Nancy Dudek, Dr. Joe Eifert, Dr. Bernice Hausman, Dr. Karen Hult, Dr. Patrick Miller, Dr. Wayne Neu, Dr. Mayuresh Patil, Mr. Greg Purdy, Dr. Stephen Smith, Dr. Dan Thorp, Mr. Nicholas Vaught, Dr. Linda Wallace, Dr. Tyler Walters

Absent with Notification: Dr. Chad Bolding, Dr. Kay Dunkley, Dr. Alireza Haghighat, Dr. Jennifer Hodgson for Dr. Gerhardt Schurig, Dr. Victoria Soghomonian

Absent without Notification: Mr. Mohammad Jalali

Visitors and Invited Guests: Ms. Janice Austin, Dr. Janet Rankin

Dr. Karen Hult called the meeting to order.

Approval of the agenda: Approved.

Approval of the minutes from February 20, 2013: Approved with minor corrections.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC): Dr. Hult reviewed the minutes from February 28. The minutes were voted on and accepted for filing.

Graduate Student Appeals: The committee has been given one new appeal to review.

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

The committee described LikeLive, a video interviewing system offered by ETS that could be used as an additional screening tool for admissions committees. The online interview would be available only to the subscribing universities to which the student is applying. Applicants would answer a series of questions developed by the academic departments. LikeLive can also archive interviews. Following discussion, the commission expressed an interest in offering LikeLive as an option for interested departments. Dr. DePauw offered to further explore the use of LikeLive with a commission subcommittee. Dr. DePauw offered to pay for the first year.

Graduate Student Assembly: Ms. Shaimaa Abdallah reviewed activities of the GSA

- Applications are on the GSA website for the Graduate Research Development Program (GRDP). Cycle II closes March 16.
- Applications for cycle II (January 1 – June 30) of the Travel Fund Program (TFP) open on March 25th.
- The Research Symposium submissions begin on March 8th. Currently there are 40 reviewers and 34 judges. GSA is still recruiting more faculty to volunteers as judges.
- Amanda Nelson is the graduate student representative attending ACC Lobby Day on behalf of GSA
- Special Thanks to Dean DePauw, Dr. Karen Hult and Dr. Mayuresh Patil for their contribution to the GSA Relay for life team.
- Amanda Shea, a Graduate student in the HFNE Department, wanted to share her concern that there is a need for more career mentoring graduate students for career after graduate school. Dr. DePauw said there

is a program in place. The commission on Research interested in mentoring programs. Dr. Rankin said that a “Preparing the Future Career Professional” program exists and we need to get the word out.

- March 27th is the Research Symposium
- \$670 has been raised for the Relay for Life
- March 7th is Happy Hour, 6 pm – 8 pm. There are non-alcoholic choices.

Graduate Honor System: Mr. Jordon Booker reviewed the activities of the GHS.

- Almost finished with two cases from fall 2012
- There are two more recent cases. One case is moving to the facilitated discussion process.
- There are a few training sessions and presentations scheduled.

University Library Committee:

- There has been discussion about the newly formed Center for Digital Research and Scholarship.
- March 4th was the official ribbon cutting for the SCALE-UP classroom in the library.

University Council:

- Commission chairs listed their goals.
- The commission’s ethics resolution will be presented at an upcoming council meeting. The appendix will be included to support the resolution.

Graduate School Updates: Dr. DePauw reviewed recent activities and developments.

- Candidates for the graduate and undergraduate student representative to the Board of Visitors will be selected and announced at the next Board of Visitor’s meeting on March 25th.
- Dr. DePauw will not be at the next meeting and asked the commission if they had any questions about the upcoming Translational Biology, Medicine and Health degree proposal. The proposal will be discussed at the next meeting. The degree is a Blacksburg-Roanoke degree. Dr. DePauw noted that no resources would be taken from existing programs. There were questions about the new degree proposal at the Graduate Curriculum Committee. Dr. Hult will post the answers to the questions on our Scholar site.

Old Business: Review of Policy 13000, Policy on Intellectual Properties
Following discussion, the commission voted to endorse the update to the policy.

New Business: CFA Professors of Practice Chairing Graduate Committees
Currently, a professor of practice can serve on, but not chair, a committee. Dr. DePauw suggested that departments would be in the best position to determine who should chair committees. All chairs must be vetted; professors of practice would have to meet the same criteria. Following discussion, the commission expressed their concern that the current changes to the resolution were inadequate. The language in the faculty handbook and the language in the resolution are not the same. The resolution, as written, inadequately expresses what is written in the faculty handbook.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Nancy Feuerbach, on behalf of
Dr. Karen P. DePauw, Vice President and Dean for Graduate Education