

Minutes

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

October 3, 2007

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Graduate School, GLC, Conference Room

Present: Ms. Linsey Barker, Dr. Jim Collier, Dr. Paul Deck, Dr. Karen DePauw, Mr. Thomas Gorman, Dr. Eileen Hitchingham, Mr. John Kane, Dr. Kumar Mallikarjunan, Ms. Gail McMillan, Ms. Margaret Merrill, Professor Patrick Miller, Ms. Evelyn Richardson, Dr. Cliff Shaffer, Ms. Chris Thomas

Absent with Notification: Dr. Ron Daniel, Dr. François Elvinger, Dr. Joe Eska, Ms. Margo Eggeling, Mr. James Freeman, Ms. Penny McCallum, Dr. Suzanne Murrmann, Dr. Glenda Scales, Dr. Gerhardt Schurig

Conference call in: Dr. Rosary Lalik

Visitors and Invited Guests: Mr. Marvin Foushee, Ms. Ennis McCrery, Dr. Brian Mihalik, Ms. Jacqueline Nottingham, Mr. Brennan Sheppard

Dr. Kumar Mallikarjunan, Chair, called the meeting to order. The members of the commission introduced themselves.

Approval of the agenda: Approved.

Approval of minutes from September 19, 2007: Approved.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC): Following review and discussion, the minutes from the September 27th meeting were approved. Dr. Mihalik noted that the Executive Masters of Information Assurance is on hold.

Graduate Student Appeals: There is a meeting scheduled for the appeals committee.

Graduate Student Relations: No report.

Degree Requirement Standards Criteria and Academic Policy (DRSCAP): The committee has met once, and has no report.

Other Reports

Graduate Student Assembly (GSA): Mr. Gorman announced that there is a new, updated website for the GSA. Information and deadlines on the [Travel Fund \(TFP\)](#) and [Graduate Research and Development \(GRDP\)](#) programs that provide money for graduate students to travel to conference and conduct research can be found on the website. The GSA is also involved in the VT-ENGAGE project. This past year the GSA, working with the commission, has acquired free statistical consulting for graduate students through the Statistics Department effective January 2008. Ms. Barker reported that the GSA in Northern Virginia has become more active and will be supported [financially] in part by the GSA in Blacksburg. Also a childcare proposal went out this week.

Graduate Honor System (GHS): Mr. Kane reported that he received a letter this week from Dr. Steger appointing him as chief justice.

University Library Committee (ULC): The library committee will meet for the first time on October 4th. Dr. Hitchingham noted that the library will not be negatively impacted by state budget cuts; cancellations this year are due to an increase in costs.

University Council: Dr. Kumar Mallikarjunan, and the other commission chairs, will meet with Dr. Steger on October 4th.

Old Business: Dr. Mallikarjunan asked Dr. DePauw to continue the presentation which was started at the September 19th meeting. The presentation included:

- Recent census figures
- CGS report on Graduate Education: The Backbone of American competitiveness & Innovation
- SACS accreditation
- Global graduate education
- IPGD
- Policies and Procedures

New Business: None

Announcements:

Commission members would like to continue receiving the weekly announcement of activities for graduate students. Dr. DePauw will check with Ms. Monika Gibson to determine who is on the list, and perhaps add the names of the graduate program chairs to the recipient list..

On Wednesday, October 17, from 10:00 am – 11:45 am, in the GLC multipurpose room, there will be a workshop for graduate program directors. Members of the commission are welcome to attend.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Nancy B. Feuerbach, on behalf of

Dr. Karen P. DePauw, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School