

Minutes

Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies

September 17, 2003

3:30 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

206 Sandy Hall

Present: Dr. Scott Case, Dr. Karen DePauw, Dr. Klaus Elgert, Dr. Eileen Hitchingham, Dr. Rakesh Kapania, Mr. Greg Lemmond, Ms. Meagan Elwood Madden, Dr. Kent Murrmann, Ms. Yvette Quintela, Ms. Mary Schaeffer, Mr. Terrell Strayhorn, Ms. Sherri Turner

Absent with Notification: Dr. Ron Daniel, Dr. Stephen Boyle, Ms. Laura Fornash, Ms. Margaret Merrill, Dr. Dvajad Salehi, Dr. Mehdi Setareh, Dr. John Ney

Absent without Notice: Dr. Jerry Gibson, Ms. Tina Peterson

Invited Guests: Dr. Roger Avery, Mr. Marvin Foushee, Ms. Nancy Feuerbach, Mr. Pankaj Gupta
Ms. Angie Webb

Dr. Kapania asked commission members to introduce themselves.

Approval of the agenda: Approved

Approval of minutes from May 7, 2003: Approved

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee: revised minutes from April 24, 2003 were approved.

Graduate Student Appeals: No report.

Graduate Student Relations: Mr. Pankaj Gupta, president of the Graduate Student Assembly, presented a draft of the Bill of Rights and Responsibilities of Graduate Students at Virginia Tech. Mr. Gupta will work with subcommittee members, Ms. Mary Schaeffer, Ms. Margaret Merrill, and Ms. Laura Fornash, to incorporate suggestions from the commission into the draft document. When the draft document receives approval from CGS&P, it will be presented to the Commission on Student Affairs and the Commission on Research. After a final review and approval from CGS&P, it will be presented to University Council.

Degree Requirement Standards Criteria and Academic Policy (DRSCAP): No report.

Other Reports

Graduate Student Assembly (GSA): No report

Graduate Honor System (GHS): The commission approved the appointment of the new chief justice, Mr. Greg Lemmond.

University Library Committee: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

CGS&P committee assignments for the upcoming year are as follows:

- § Degree Requirements, Standards, Criteria, and Academic Progress (DRSCAP): Klaus Elgert, Scott Case, Kent Murrmann, Terrell Strayhorn, Stephen Boyle (to be invited by R. Kapania)
- § Graduate Student Appeals: Greg Lemmond, Sherri Turner, Margaret Merrill (to be invited by R. Kapania), John Ney (to be invited by R. Kapania)
- § Graduate Student Relations: Margaret Merrill, Mary Schaeffer, Laura Fornash, Yvette Quintela

Dr. Avery volunteered to serve in an unofficial advisory capacity on the Graduate Curriculum Committee until a chair can be appointed.

Announcements: Dr. DePauw commented that the commission made a great deal of progress last year. She looks forward to working with the commission in the upcoming year.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Nancy B. Feuerbach, on behalf of

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