

Minutes
Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies
February 2, 2011
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Ms. Kim Carlson, Dr. Carolyn Copenheaver, Dr. Karen DePauw, Dr. Mark Halsey, Dr. Sam Hicks, Dr. Kumar Mallikarjunan, Dr. Tom Martin, Ms. Katie McKee, Mr. Jonathan Moore, Dr. Aaron Purcell, Dr. Kerry Redican, Ms. Hannah Parks, Dr. Robin Panneton, Mr. Eric Williams

Absent with Notification: Dr. Jennifer Hodgson, Dr. Karen Hult, Dr. Patrick Miller, Dr. Victoria Soghomonian

Absent without Notification: Dr. Tom Caceci, Ms. Keyana Ellis, Dr. William Ducker, Dr. Susan Short

Visitors and Invited Guests: Dr. Janet Rankin, Ms. Jacqueline Nottingham

Dr. Carolyn Copenheaver, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of the agenda: The agenda was approved with one spelling correction.

Approval of the minutes from January 19, 2011: Approved.

Committee Reports

Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC): No report.

Graduate Student Appeals: The committee referred two cases to Dr. DePauw with their recommendations. Dr. DePauw accepted their recommendations.

Graduate Student Relations (GSR): No report.

DRSCAP: Dr. Halsey is the new chair of the committee. Because the committee had not met since the middle of October, they are currently reviewing the issue of professional and academic behavior and integrity. Dr. DePauw assured the committee that once they received a related report on expectations and culture from the Graduate Student Relations committee the issues would be clearer.

Other Reports

Graduate Student Assembly (GSA)

Mr. Moore reported that:

- The GSA participated in Hokie Day in Richmond on January 27th in spite of the inclement weather. The graduate students met with the Virginia Secretary of Education as well as around 15 senators and delegates about various topics including fees, the importance of extension as part of the mission of a land grant university, and a focus on veteran's affairs on campus. The graduate students were announced in senate chambers.
- Yesterday, Deepu George arranged for the new Board of Visitors member, Suzanne Obenshain, to meet with graduate students about several issues including fees and child care.
- The annual Research Day is March 23rd. The GSA needs faculty judges for the event.
- Next month the GSA and Mr. Deepu George will be selecting three candidates for next year's Board of Visitors.
- The Executive Board elections are February 3rd.

Graduate Honor System (GHS):

Ms. Kim Carson reported that in the fall of 2010 there were: 24 cases from 9 departments; 3 were cheating cases, 21 were plagiarism cases (document attached).

University Library Committee (ULC): Dr. Paul Metz introduced himself as the Interim Dean [of University Libraries] with the approximate life of a subatomic particle. He will serve on the commission until the new dean arrives. The committee has not met recently. On February 17th at 4:30 the library is hosting the Annual Authors Recognition Day. The study café is temporarily on hold but may open this semester. The library will be introducing new Google-like software, [Summon](#)TM, to assist students with library searches.

University Council: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Change to university governance for centers policy

Dr. Copenheaver announced that an upcoming meeting the commission would be presented with a proposed change to policies related to university centers.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Nancy Feuerbach, on behalf of

Dr. Karen P. DePauw, Vice President and Dean for Graduate Education