

MINUTES

**Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs
March 26th, 2025
3:30pm
GLC 238 and Zoom**

Present – Rachel Maizel, Janice Austin, Barbara Hoopes, Alex Kinnaman, Beatrice Kyeremateng, Lee Learman, Gonzalo Ortiz, Faizan Sabir, Sally Shupe, Brenda Stanfill, Lauren Surface, Aimée Surprenant

Absent: Camille Block, Jiayuan Dong, Merly Konathapally, Charlotte Nyblade, Rohsaan Settle, Mark Sikes, Tyler Walters

Guests: Catherine Cotrupi, Lori Rose

Rachel called the meeting to order at 3:31pm. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Approval or Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of February 12th, 2025.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 12 minutes.

Minutes can be publicly accessed on the Governance Website: governance.vt.edu

3. Unfinished Business

CGPSA 2024-25B: Resolution to Clarify Graduate Teaching Assistantships, Graduate Assistants, and Graduate Research Assistants, Relationships with Students they have Academic or Professional Supervision Over

Rachel presented the resolution for second reading and made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded. The resolution's language will be tweaked to further outline guidelines and to include a statement about GRA's. A vote was taken on the motion, and the motion passed.

4. Reports

- Graduate School – Aimée Surprenant: The Board of Visitors meeting included a motion to dissolve the Office of Inclusive Strategy and Excellence. The board was given specific guidance from the Attorney General of Virginia to follow the directives included in the Dear Colleague letter. There was a vote to increase tuition and fees and the what the University decides as the minimum stipend, the Budget Office will increase that stipend by the amount of the increase in the athletic fee.
- Faculty Senate – Alex Kinnaman: Because the statement on Academic Freedom was already approved by the Board of Visitors it is considered an administrative update and will be formally included in the next release of the Faculty Handbook. CGPS&P 2024-25B and CFA 2024-25G have been approved by Faculty Senate.

- AP Faculty Senate – Gonzalo Ortiz: None to report.
- Staff Senate – Sally Shupe: None to report.
- USS: None to report.
- GPSS – Rachel Maizel: None to report.

5. Announcements

- The next meeting will be on April 9th at 3:30pm.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:07pm.