

CGPSA- Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs
December 6, 2022
3:30-5:00
GLC Conference Room 238
<https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/85958241361>

Meeting ID: 859 5824 1361

Present: Alice Fox, Aimée Surprenant, Carrie Mayer, Kayla Alward, Janice Austin, John Barbish, Arthur Ball, Anna Buhle, Caroline de Jager, Brittany Heath (proxy for Lauren Panny), Stephen Kleiber, Jack Leff, Sally Shupe, Lauren Surface, Kenneth Wong

Absent with Notice: Martha Glass, Lee Learman, Lauren Panny

Absent: Mollie Coogan, Nick Whitesell, Tyler Walters

Guests: April Myers

Alice called the meeting to order at 3:30. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Minutes

Alice made a motion that minutes from the November 1st meeting be approved. The motion carried.

2. Member Reports

a. Graduate School Updates—Dean Surprenant

*Commencement is December 16th. Karey Sutton is this year's Graduate Alumni Achievement Award recipient.

*There will be 3 graduate student speakers at commencement.

*A reception for graduates will be held at the Northern VA Center.

*This is the first commencement with no diplomas. Students will be sent their diploma at a later date. This is to allow departments to be flexible on deadlines for graduates.

*The Graduate Stipend Task Force will be making recommendations to the provost at the end of the year.

*Dean Surprenant encouraged everyone to have a nice break.

b. Faculty Senate Update—Nothing to report, but they are having open floor discussions during the meetings.

c. UGSS-no report

d. GPSS-Alice

*Released a joint statement with UGSS regarding Bookholders.

3. General Orders

a. Determine if GPSS Resolution 2022-2023B fits within charge

CGPSA members were sent a link to the resolution. With no discussion, the next step is to get approval from UC. It was suggested to let Chris Wise know of this resolution regarding any logistical challenges.

*A member suggested the medical vs. surgical access to abortion. The surgical access is not in Schiffert's capacity, but it could be included for the future.

b. The Market

*Alice will check with Student Affairs regarding helping financially with The Market. A reminder that rent is \$40K.

Todd and Jack shared a presentation of 15 goals of the Climate Action Commitment. The presentation is in the shared drive.

d. Assistantship Policy---

*HR will be in touch with CGPSA in Jan./Feb. regarding DAP's Assistantship Policy.

*There is a new comment added to contracts regarding setting hours with supervisors.

4. New Business

None

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. Announcements

None

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:51.