

**CGPSA- Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs**  
**March 14, 2023**  
**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, Stephen Kleiber, Lee Learman, Jack Leff, Sally Shupe, Lauren Surface, Nick Whitesell, Kenneth Wong

**Absent with Notice:** Mark Sikes

**Absent:** Mollie Coogan, Lauren Panny, Tyler Walters

**Guests:** April Myers, Margaret Nagai-Singer

Alice called the meeting to order at 3:32. A quorum was present.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Alice made a motion that minutes from the February 7 meeting be approved. The motion carried.

**2. Member Reports**

**a. Graduate School Updates**—Dean Surprenant

\*University Council approved the resolution to change co-op to zero credit. This is a major step that will help international students. It will encourage more domestic students to sign up as well. She is unsure of the implementation date.

\*A new Master of Applied Data Science was approved.

\*Academic Affairs Council gave an update on the Innovation Campus. It's on track for fall 2024.

\*There is no budget yet.

**b. Faculty Senate Update**—Arthur Ball

\*A discussion was held regarding this commission's resolution.

\*Nothing else pertaining to graduate students was discussed.

**c. UGSS**-no report

**d. GPSS**-Caroline de Jager

\*There is a new resolution underway for a Master of Climate Leadership

\*SVCC presentation

\*They are in the process of electing a new board.

**e. Staff Senate**-Sally Shupe

\*No updates

**f. A & P**-Janice Austin

\*No updates

**g. CGPSA**-Alice Fox

\*A new chair will be appointed and elected for next year.

\*The Affordable Housing Working Group is in need of IRB trained graduate students to help with the data.

### **3. New Business**

- **Second Reading: CGPSA 2022-23A (Resolution to Expand Access to Reproductive Care at Virginia Tech)**

\*There were comments received from Staff Senate and USS.

\*Dean Learman made a motion to defer the second reading of this resolution pending additional feedback. Motion was seconded and a discussion was held.

\*Receiving additional feedback allows more opportunity for the success of this resolution.

\*Highlights of the discussion: proposal to change the language of the “therefore be it resolved” section.

\*There was another motion made to exchange the extra time for feedback to change the language of the resolution.

\* A vote to approve amendments/changes that were made was taken and approved.

\* A suggestion was made to remove mentions of the specific medicines: mifepristone and misoprostol.

\*In Appendix 10, there are references to medication abortion. It was suggested to use “family planning services” umbrella. Some wanted to say “medication abortion.”

\*Wording was changed and a vote for changes was taken and approved.

\*Alice reminded the commission that the electronic vote was due that evening before 9:00 p.m.

### **5. Announcements**

**Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 4.**

### **7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:44.