

CGPSA- Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs

April 4, 2023

3:30-5:00

GLC Conference Room 238

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Meeting ID: 859 5824 1361

Present: Alice Fox, Aimée Surprenant, Carrie Mayer, John Barbish, Anna Buhle, Sally Shupe, Lauren Surface, Lauren Panny, Ben Beiter

Absent with Notice: Arthur Ball, Kenneth Wong

Absent: Mark Sikes, Tyler Walters, Nick Whitesell, Janice Austin, Lee Learman, Jack Leff, Caroline de Jager, Kayla Alward, Stephen Kleiber, Nicolas Rivas Plata

Guests:

Alice called the meeting to order at 3:31.

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Member Reports

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

*Graduate Education Week went well as did the GPSS Research Symposium.

*Dean Surprenant thanked Kaylee Petraccione and Lauren Surface and her team for their hard work putting it all together.

*No major updates at the moment

b. **Faculty Senate Update**- none

c. **UGSS**-no report

d. **GPSS**-no report

e. **Staff Senate**-Sally Shupe

*No updates

f. **A & P**-

*No updates

g. **CGPSA**-Alice Fox

*No updates

3. New Business

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

*There were suggestions given to change some of the resolution. It was recommended for this commission to establish a timeline for the committee to implement the plan by the end of the first semester of the 2023-2024 academic year.

*The second recommendation was to include language from ACHA: **The American College Health Association (ACHA) supports students' unfettered access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services – including education, counseling, testing for sexually transmitted infections and HIV, access to contraceptive options, emergency contraception, preconception counseling, pregnancy and postpartum care, and abortion.**

*Alice suggested moving it to the research section and Dean Surprenant agreed.

*Other questions were brought up such as:

—How to present Cost of Attendance on the Graduate School page

—A summary of how students compare to others around the university to get an idea of costs could be put on the assistantship page instead of this one.

*When offer letters are sent out, it's often not known what the graduate student will be doing. That will be between the student and the faculty member.

*The Graduate Disability Resource Page—

—Students can receive information on services offered

—A GA may have different services needed versus their accommodations as a student.

*The Student Organization Accountability Board

—Student Organization Community Accountability for student organizations (not required to use university funds or have a sponsor)

5. Announcements

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 2. This will be the last meeting of the semester.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:26.