

CGPSA- Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs
October 11, 2023
3:30-5:00
GLC Conference Room 238 or Zoom

<https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/85740318770>

Meeting ID: 857 4031 8770

Present: Adams, Ranald; Austin, Janice; Hearne, Lindy; Hoopes, Barbara; Kinnaman, Alex; Learman, Lee; Mises, Cassidy; Ortiz, Gonzalo; Saint-Preux; Shupe, Sally; Surface, Lauren; Surprenant, Aimée; Sydnor, Shaka

Absent with Notice: De Jager, Caroline; Walters, Tyler

Absent: Breighner, Atlas; Gazar, Amir; Hefny, Mohamed; Towsif, Sami

Guests: Lawrence, Kacy; Myers, April; Thomas, Eric

Ranald called the meeting to order at 3:33.

1. Adoption of Agenda-Ranald Adams

There was no quorum to start the meeting. Agenda adoption will be voted on via email.

2. Adoption of Minutes from September 13, 2023-Ranald Adams

There was no quorum to start the meeting. Minutes will be approved via email.

3. Member Reports

a. Graduate School Updates—Dean Surprenant

*Dean Surprenant announced that academic programs are being moved from the NVC to Innovation Campus. Graduate School staff will move as well. Hokie One Stop will be a place at the IC where students can get support from all offices.

*Cranwell has a plan for NVC/IC students to provide support.

*CGPSP is looking into the Instructor of Record process. Students will be needed in the group. The charge includes a definition, clarity in votes, and the process in evaluating student work.

*Homecoming Week- Graduate School has a table at the tailgate. There will be no swag given out; instead, the money will go to graduate students instead.

*The Board of Visitors met on October 5th and approved some updates:
\$245 tuition rebate-goes to who paid the tuition (departments, colleges, etc.)

2% raise of graduate stipends across the board for all assistantships.

b. Senate Updates-

***GPSS-Ranald Adams**

*GPSS is looking at the last 3 years' 5% stipend data.

***Faculty/Senate-Alex Kinnaman**

*Report from President Sands' visit is in Share Point.

***Administrative and Professional Senate- Gonzalo Ortiz**

*None

***Staff Senate-Sally Shupe**

*None

***USS-**

*None

4. General Orders/Discussion Topics-Ranald Adams

• Ombuds Report-Bryan Hanson

*Bryan Hanson gave a report on ombuds cases. All of his information is posted in Share Point.

• Discussion of Data-Kacy Lawrence

*Kacy pointed out the Graduate School Data Index. You can see how many students are Graduate Assistants.

*Hiring departments-where students are receiving their assistantships.

*Median monthly stipend (can filter by different types)

*Kacy suggested looking at full-time assistantships (these are more realistic numbers)

*A member asked what is the source of the data. (Banner—pulls from the pay stubs)

*A member asked what proportion of students are funded outside of the department versus within a department.

*Another question was what is the number of students guaranteed funding versus contingent funding and summer funding.

5. Announcements-

6. Adjournment-

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:24. .