

CGPSA- Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs
March 13, 2023
3:30-5:00
GLC Conference Room 238 or Zoom

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Meeting ID: 857 4031 8770

Present: Adams, Ranald; De Jager, Caroline; Gazar, Amir; Hearne, Lindy (proxy sent); Hefny, Mohamed; Hoopes, Barbara; Learman, Lee; Miseses, Cassidy; Ortiz, Gonzalo; Rice, Karl; Saint-Preux, Carlos; Shupe, Sally; Surface, Lauren; Sydnor, Shaka; Towsif, Sami

Absent with Notice: Austin, Janice; Surprenant, Aimée

Absent: Holloway, Kendall; Kinnaman, Alex; Sydnor, Shaka; Thomas, Eric; Walters, Tyler

Guests: Jackson, Jordan; Myers, April

Ranald called the meeting to order at 3:34.

1. Adoption of Agenda-Ranald Adams

There was no quorum until 3:41. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

2. Adoption of Minutes from February 14, 2024-Ranald Adams

A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 14, 2024 minutes. The motion carried.

3. Member Reports

a. Graduate School Updates—Dean Surprenant

1. The Graduate School has merged two positions in the DC area and created a new position for Director of Administration in the GWDCA. Ginny Wagg, former Assistant Director, MBA Programs in Pamplin, has taken on the position and we'd like to welcome her to the Graduate School Team.

2. In addition, the Hokie One Stop, the one stop shop for students in the DC area, has been moved into the Graduate School. Bryan Mitchell is the Director of the One Stop and will be working with the embedded units from Cranwell, Cook Counseling, Dean of Students, Veterans services, etc. We're thrilled to be working with him and helping him build his team.

3. Finally, in the DC area, we have advertised for the permanent Associate Dean position for an internal competition. We will keep you updated on that search as it evolves.

4. PhD student Molly Ryan is working on a programmatic review of VTGrATE. This review began in fall of 2023 with the goal of assessing how VTGrATE might evolve to better serve both membership and Graduate School interests. Molly has had meetings with stakeholders across campus, extensive research, and investigation of how to best support graduate student pedagogues in contemporary contexts. Molly's report recommends a successor organization of VTGrATE, preliminarily called the Academy for Outstanding Graduate Pedagogy (AOGP). Please let Dean Surprenant know if this commission wants Molly to come to CGSPS&A to discuss.

b. Senate Updates-

***GPSS-Rachel Maizel**

*reminder of symposium and upcoming elections

***Faculty/Senate-Alex Kinnaman**

*None

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

*None

***Staff Senate-Sally Shupe**

*None

***USS-Karl Rice**

*working on policies for funding requests for clubs

4. General Orders/Discussion Topics-Ranald Adams

- Second reading of CGPSA Resolution 2023-24A Resolution to Protect Against Caste and Caste-based Discrimination followed by a vote-Ranald Adams

*13 voted yes, so this will go on to a second reading at GPSS

5. Announcements-

6. Adjournment-

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:46.