

CGPSP Minutes
April 17, 2024
3:30-5:00 p.m.
Graduate Life Center Room 238/Zoom

Present: Monty Abbas (presiding), Coy Allen, Lisa Becksford, Nancy Bradley, Joe Eifert, Rob Emmett, Paul Emmons, Mary Kasarda, Renee LeClair, Sattar Mansi, Aimée Surprenant, Kwok Tsang, Jerald Walz, and Scott Weimer

Absent with Notice: Carolyn Commer, Christina DiMarino, Rachel Holloway, Tyler Walters

Absent: Zai Cook, Tom Ewing, Chip Frazier, Charly Hartle, Rose McGroarty, Tarisa Ross, Katelyn Steide,

Guests: Janice Austin, Ico Bukvic, Susie Green, Barbara Hoopes, Bill Huckle, Xiaoyan Ma, Rachel Maizel, Carrie Mayer, April Myers, Nathaniel Porter, Sonal Sathe, Ashley Shew, Lauren Surface, Heather Winslow

Monty called the meeting to order at 3:34. There was no quorum. Numbers 1 and 2 were skipped and the meeting began with number 3.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda was approved and adopted.

2. Approval of or Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of March 20, 2024

Minutes were approved.

3. New Business-

○ **IPhD Proposals—Dr. Huckle**

*Each student presented their proposal (which can be found in Share Point) and took questions from the commission.

A. Heather Winslow: *The Neuroscience of Humor Perception: Collaborative Scientific Concepts on Using Humor as a Tool to Develop Helpful Strategies in the Brain*

Highlights-→

*EEG case study with intent to publish

*creating a neuroscience/creative writing course

*use community resistance model

*find the science to back up the research

*use humor to heal through improv, storytelling, creative writing

*EEG-read electrical activity in the brain of the storyteller and in the audience (then compare)

*consider field of Theory of Humor to focus on ideas of philosophers

*A member asked: how do you define humor? It's been used as a social connection/shared activity/survival skill through the years

B. Susie Green-Mateu: *Multimodal Understanding of Synchronization in Ensemble Dynamics*

Highlights-→

*neuroscience, movement science, education, music, and HCI

*musical movement and synchronization during ensemble dynamics

*A member suggested talking with someone from theatre or cinema

C. Sonal Sathe: *Experience of Users with Disabilities with AI-Powered Tools and Impacts on Reception of Health Information*

Highlights-→

*LLM (large language model)

*UX (user experience)

*STS (Science, Technology, Society)

*A member commented that UX sounds like it falls in the ISE category of Human Factors and Ergonomics

*motivated to explore the policy side of this

- **Look at current resolutions in governance—Dean Surprenant**

*Current resolutions are posted in the working documents folder in Share Point. None currently need action from CGPSP.

- **Beyond Boundaries Refresh Report (request for feedback)—Dean Surprenant**

*This is posted in Share Point. Request from the dean to take a look and send her comments by April 30th.

- **Plans for fall semester—Montasir Abbas**

*Monty will not be chair of CGPSP next semester. F/S has not announced the new chair.

4. Acceptance and Posting of Committee Reports and/or Minutes

- **Graduate Student Appeals Committee**- Aimée Surprenant
None

- **DAP (Degree and Academic Progress)**- Coy Allen

1. Examination of fees and tuition for off-campus students
2. Examine needs around the number and availability of on-line/hybrid courses for off-campus students.
3. Termination of outdated Graduate Certificate Programs

****All slides that were shared are in the April 17 working documents folder in Share Point.

****A motion was made to move this information in the minutes now that quorum has been reached. The motion carried.

- **Ad Hoc Masters**-Barbara Hoopes

*Currently focusing on looking at the Graduate School application and what is specifically needed and if there are changes that can be made.

- **Graduate School Updates**-Aimée Surprenant
- **Constituency Updates**-Monty Abbas

a. Graduate and Professional Student Senate—Rachel Maizel

*Rachel will report to University Council on April 22nd at 3:30 at 145 Steger Hall. Flyer attached.

b. Graduate Student Honor System—Rose McGroarty

No report

c. University Library Committee—Lisa Becksford

*met to prepare a draft set of goals for 2023-2024 to provide to the Office of Policy and Governance.

d. Faculty Senate—Jerald Walz

*The statement on conflict was turned down

*F/S can form their own committee (this was set aside)

e. Undergraduate Student Senate—Karl Rice

No update

f. Board of Visitors—Emily Tirrell

No update

g. AP Faculty Senate—Rob Emmett

*Elections were completed

*CAPFA introduced a resolution on AP Faculty professional leave, which now seeks support through governance

- **University Council and Commission Updates**—Monty Abbas

a. University Council –Monty Abbas

*No update

b. Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies—Rachel Holloway

*No update

5. Adjournment-

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:53.