

MINUTES

Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies

March 19th, 2025

3:30PM

Zoom

Present – Renee LeClair, Lisa Becksford, Nancy Bradley, Zai Cook, Rachel Holloway, Nathan Lau, Leslie Laconte, Sattar Mansi, Kaustuv Ray, Kaylee South, Kwok Tsang, Jerald Walz

Absent with Notice: Aimée Surprenant

Absent: Aaron Bond, Brian Bush, Kirk Cameron, Paul Emmons, Rose McGroarty, Veronica van Montfrans, Jacque Pelzer, Brian Strahm

Guests: Jes Davis, Kevin Edgar, Monika Gibson, Barbara Hoopes, William Huckle, Jazmin Jurkiewicz, Lauren Oliver, Lauren Pollard, Lori Rose, Kiera Schneiderman, Jaida Smith, Lauren Surface

R. LeClair called the meeting to order at 3:31pm. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Approval or Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of March 5th, 2025.

3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 5th, 2025, minutes.

Unfinished Business

IPhD Proposal from Bahareh Nejati

R. LeClair presented the IPhD Proposal and made a motion to approve the academic study as presented in the March 5th meeting. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken on the motion, and the motion passed.

CGPSP 2024-25B GHS Constitution Revision Committee – Recommendation

R. LeClair presented the GHS Constitution Revision Committee for first reading and made a motion to approve pending edits that came from comments provided by Staff Senate, AP Faculty Senate, and GPSS. A vote was taken on the motion, and the motion passed.

4. New Business

CGPSP 2024-25C Resolution to Update the Graduate Catalogue

UCC March 31st.

5. Reports

- Graduate Student Appeals – Aimée Surprenant: None to report.

- DAP (Degree and Academic Progress) – Jerald Walz: None to report.
- Graduate School Updates - Aimée Surprenant: None to report.
- NTCO Master's Committee – Barabra Hoopes: The committee met on March 18th and was able to propose the following update to the current policy: The Plan of Study provides a clear sequence of courses to be taken across the semesters, aiding students to track academic progress, meet graduation requirements, and align selected courses to individual goals and desired outcomes. Graduate students should submit their plan of study to the Graduate School for approval as early as possible yet no later than the end of the term preceding their degree award term. Individual degree programs may impose an earlier submission deadline.
- Graduate and Professional Student Senate – Kaustuv Ray: None to report.
- Graduate Honor System: Rose McGroarty: None to report.
- University Libraries – Lisa Becksford: None to Report.
- Faculty Senate – Carolyn Commer: None to report.
- Undergraduate Student Senate – Vacant: None to report.
- Board of Visitors – William Poland: None to report.
- AP Faculty Senate – Aaron Bond: None to report.
- Staff Senate – Zai Cook: None to report.

6. Presentation

Lauren Pollard, Director of Strategic Affairs in the Office of Inclusive Strategy and Excellence, presented questions to the commission that will aid in creating the Graduate School's strategic plan. The questions are available on the SharePoint site.

Jes Davis (VT Engage) and Jazmin Jurkiewicz (Hokie Wellness) joined to discuss the Constructive Dialogue Institute "Perspectives" modules that the commission was asked to engage with. The goal of the modules is to aid in the development of civic engagement and institutional change at Virginia Tech.

7. Announcements

- At the next meeting there will be a formal vote on the Institute Charter Draft.
- The next meeting will be on April 2nd, 2025.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:58pm.