

## **Minutes**

### **Commission on Graduate Studies & Policies**

**October 15, 2014**

**3:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

### **Graduate School Conference Room**

Present: Mr. Nathan Carter, Mr. Matthew Chan, Dr. Karen DePauw, Ms. Kira Dietz, Ms. Nancy Dudek, Dr. Kay Dunkley, Dr. Charlene Eska, Ms. Ashley Folder, Dr. Alireza Haghighat, Dr. Saul Halfon, Mr. Timothy Kinoshita, Dr. Ellen Plummer, Mr. Greg Purdy, Dr. Hans Robinson, Dr. Gary Seidel, Dr. Christopher Zobel

Absent with Notification: Dr. Chad Bolding, Dr. Cyril Clarke, Ms. Ashley Francis, Dr. James Jones, Ms. Maria Stack, Dr. Elankumaran Subbiah

Absent without Notification: Dr. Joe Eifert, Dr. Scott Salom, Dr. Tyler Walters, Ms. Sally Wieringa

Visitors and Invited Guests: Ms. Janice Austin, Ms. Cathy Grimes, Ms. Nicole Johnson

Dr. Hans Robinson, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**Approval of the agenda:** Approved.

**Approval of the minutes from October 2, 2014:** Approved.

## **Committee Reports**

### Graduate Curriculum Committee

Dr. Saul Halfon, the committee chair, reviewed the meeting activities from October 9, 2014. The commission accepted the minutes for filing.

Graduate Student Appeals: No report.

Degree Requirements, Standards, Criteria, and Academic Progress (DRSCAP): Dr. Hans Robinson met with Mr. Brennan Shepherd from the budget office about continuous enrollment. There has been no feedback from constituents. Dr. DePauw would like to meet with the committee before meeting with the Registrar. Both Dr. DePauw and Ms. Ennis McCreery will be attending an upcoming DRSCAP meeting.

## **Constituencies Updates:**

### Graduate Student Assembly (GSA)

Mr. Greg Purdy, President, reported:

- Fall applications are being accepted for the travel program and the Graduate Research Development Program will be accepting applications soon.
- The GSA has sent out a call for judges for the research symposium held during Graduate Education Week.

### Graduate Honor System (GHS)

Mr. Nathan Carter, Chief Justice, reported that GHS currently has two cases using facilitated discussion.

### University Library Committee

Announcement: Next week is Open Access Week. The library is offering several NLI classes. Dr. Brian Nosek is the keynote speaker.

### **University Council and Commission Updates:**

#### University Council: Dr. Hans Robinson

University Council met last week. There was a first reading of the Master of Arts Degree in Data Analysis and Applied Statistics. The degree proposals from the School of Education have been deferred and will appear on the agenda at a future meeting. The council discussed the implementation of benefits for same sex married couples.

CAPFA: Recent discussions have included a review of the grievance policy and discussion about the design of a new website.

#### **Graduate School Update:** Dr. Karen DePauw

- Dr. DePauw ask the commission for feedback on a parking issue. A CRC employee and part-time graduate student is being asked to purchase a campus parking pass. The student is taking this issue to the parking committee.
- Progress is being made in the establishment of a new child care option open to students.
- The Graduate School is establishing an Academy for GTA Excellence. Students with additional training will get recognition.
- Dr. DePauw would like feedback on the total number of credits a student can take for full-time status.

**Old Business:** None

#### **New Business:**

Degree and certificate modifications: Dr. DePauw asked the commission to let her know of any concerns. All of the degree and certificate modifications have ~~already gone through the Graduate Curriculum Committee~~ *received pre-approval by the Provost's Academic Affairs Council on 10/9/14*. Informing the commission of the reviewed degree and certificate modifications is a part of the process for the Institutional Plan for Graduate Degrees.

Dr. DePauw presented the Council of Graduate School's resolution regarding graduate scholars, fellows, trainees and assistants. The commission discussed the resolution which allows students until April 15 to accept an offer of admission. We should not be officially accepting students prior to April 15. The commission expressed interest in exploring a date change. Dr. DePauw encouraged departments to increase student offers as a part of their admissions strategy.

#### **Announcements:**

The installation of President Sands is on Friday.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Nancy Feuerbach on behalf of  
Dr. Karen P. DePauw, Vice President and Dean for Graduate Education