

**RESOLUTION TO RENAME THE COMMISSION ON GRADUATE STUDIES AND POLICIES TO THE COMMISSION ON GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES & POLICIES AND UPDATE THE CHARGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies (CGSP) is charged currently to “study, formulate, and recommend to University Council policies and procedures concerning on- and off-campus graduate academic matters. Areas for consideration include: admissions, academic progress, degree requirements, commencement; registration and scheduling; curricula, courses, advising, and instruction; teaching and research; financial assistance including assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, and tuition; library resources; and other matters affecting the graduate student academic environment”; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Tech includes among its schools and colleges the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine and more recently the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, which are encompassed under the existing Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, students in the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine and the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine are considered professional degree students rather than graduate students; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing CGSP has been tasked with the above duties for the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine and the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies be renamed to the Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies in order to more clearly reflect the inclusion of all post-baccalaureate students of Virginia Tech within its scope, and that the University Council Constitution be revised accordingly; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the charge for the renamed Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies also be modified to reflect the inclusion of all post-baccalaureate students of Virginia Tech, as follows: “study, formulate, and recommend to University Council policies and procedures concerning on- and off-campus post-baccalaureate academic matters. Areas for consideration include: admissions, academic progress, degree requirements, commencement; registration and scheduling; curricula, courses, advising, and instruction; teaching and research; financial assistance including assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, and tuition; library resources; and other matters affecting the graduate and professional student academic environment.”

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Visitors approve this resolution.

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