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Minutes of the Meeting of the
University Committee on Graduate Studies
October 14, 2019
110 Chittenden Hall

Participants: M. Abel (CSS/COGS), N. Costello (LAW), M. Ghaus (CAL/COGS), A. Gilad (CHM), D. Hardison (CAL), T. Hogan (EGR), D. Jones (LAW/COGS), K. Kim (BROAD), D. Koslowsky (COM), A. Moeser (CVM), M. Morgan (CSS), A. Nair (BROAD), J. Riebschleger (CSS), M. Rubino (CANR), T. Sharkey (CNS), K. Tollefson (CNS), L. Weatherspoon (CANR), G. Wittenbaum (CAS), T. Zhou (MUS), E. Torng (GRAD)

The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm

AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda *Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*
2. Approval of September 9, 2019 Minutes

Typographic error in participant name [N. Sepulveda] was noted.

Motion to approve, seconded, and carried with stated corrections.

3. Remarks from the Chairperson (Wittenbaum)

Chair welcomed new COGS members to the committee. The subcommittees have been finalized and the complete list is on the D2L site. Reminder that the Chair sits on the University Steering Committee and therefore committee members should let the chair know if there are issues or concerns that should be brought to that body.

4. Remarks from the Dean of the Graduate School (Jeitschko)

Eric Torng, Associate Dean for the Graduate School, substituted for Dean Jeitschko. No report.

5. Remarks from the COGS Representative (Abel)

There will be an upcoming COGS meeting this week. Looking forward to working with the larger committee to make some GSRR changes and recommendations. Noted that a discussion regarding mentoring relationships should be included.

6. Annual Report from Research Integrity Officer (Pivarnik)

Overview of the role of the RIO within the university and detailed discussion of the investigation process. The location has moved to Wills House. RIO discussed the status of reviews and investigations for the year and answered questions from committee. Report is annual and can be found on committee D2L website.

7. Travel Policy Room Sharing (Huang)

Brought concern to the committee that Post-Doc students have been included as faculty and staff in the new travel policy thus prohibiting them from sharing rooms with graduate students. Office of the Controller initiated the change. Huang requests that the restrictions regarding post-docs sharing rooms with graduate students be reconsidered. Committee discussed the issue and recommended that the Academic Research Policy subcommittee consider this and bring a recommendation to the entire committee at a later meeting.

8. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees

Curriculum and Program Review Committee Academic

Agenda Item #9 was sent to subcommittee to consider. Subcommittee recommended approval of the request for the extension of the moratorium.

Motion to approve, seconded, but not carried. After motion was defeated, the full committee then discussed (see discussion below in Agenda item #9).

Research Policy Subcommittee

No report

Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee

No report, but there will be a meeting scheduled soon. Committee will consider changes to program review later this academic year.

9. *****Request to extend the Moratorium on Admission to the Master of Science degree in International Business in the Eli Broad College of Business.***

Full committee considered request after recommendation from subcommittee was defeated.

Motion to approve, seconded, and carried (one opposed, one abstention)

10. ***Request to change the requirements for the Master of Business Administration degree in the Eli Broad College of Business.**

Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

11. ***Request to change the requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Leadership in Medicine for the Underserved in the College of Human Medicine.**

Motion to approve pending clarification on the specifics for "successful completion of assigned projects and presentations," seconded, and carried

12. ***Request to change the requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Leadership in Rural Medicine in the College of Human Medicine.**

Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

13. *Request to change the requirements for the **Graduate Certificate in Medical Partners in Public Health** in the College of Human Medicine.

Motion to approve pending clarification on the specifics for "successful completion of assigned projects and presentations", seconded, and carried

14. *Request to change the requirements for the **Juris Doctor** degree in the MSU College of Law.

Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

15. *Request to change the requirements for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Human Development and Family Studies** in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies.

Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

16. *Request to establish a **Graduate Certificate in Accelerator Science and Engineering** in the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

17. *Request to establish a **Graduate Certificate in Music Career Development** in the College of Music.

Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

18. *Request to establish a **Master of Science** degree in **Data Science** in the Department of Statistics and Probability.

Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

19. MSU Online Strategy (Grabill): Prepared a timeline of the development of an online program strategy. Provided some context and history for the strategy. Focused on graduate and post-baccalaureate degrees rather than undergraduate education. Timeline is available on committee D2L site. Currently have a draft of the plan, which has recently been given to the Provost.

20. Roundtable: no concerns raised

21. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm

** Being reviewed by the Curriculum and Program Review Subcommittee for a recommendation to the full committee.