Minutes of the Meeting of the University Committee on Graduate Studies
February 5, 2018 Chittenden Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room

Participants: S. Long (MUS), A. Contreras (CVM), K. Dontje (NUR), J. Francis (COL), A. Fuente (COGS), D. Hardison (CAL), C. Hogan (BUS), D. Landis (ANR), M. Morgan (CSS), A. Nair (BUS), A. Paganini (CHM), G. Roloff (ANR), T. Sharkey (CNS), M. Tai (COM), K. Tollefson (CNS), G. Wittenbaum (COM), D. Wong (ED), A. Yadav (ED), A. Binishi (COGS), T. Hampton (CNS), A. Nunez (GRAD)

Guest: Michael O’Rourke, Interim Director, Center for Interdisciplinarity

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda  Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

2. Approval of January 8, 2018 Minutes  Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

3. Remarks from the Chairperson (Hogan)

Chair informed committee that there would be a presentation regarding new Center for Interdisciplinarity at the conclusion of the meeting. Chair announced that there would be an emergency Faculty Senate meeting next Tuesday, Feb. 13th. Encouraged faculty to share concerns and thoughts with representatives from their respective colleges.

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

No Comments

5. Remarks from the COGS Representative (Fuente)

Representative announced that the Council on Graduate Studies (COGS) is also in the process of a no confidence vote. Voting concludes Wednesday, February 7th and announcement of results will occur shortly thereafter. Announced Dialogue Series regarding diversity to be held on February 10th and encouraged faculty to promote among students.

6. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees

   **Curriculum and Program Review Committee**

   Reviewed agenda items 7 and 8 and recommended both items to be approved. The subcommittee is reviewing graduate programs that are falling below expected graduation trigger points and will bring suggestions to a future meeting. Committee is also considering policies and procedures for dual degrees (defined as a single diploma between...}

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MSU and another domestic or international institution). MSU does not currently have a policy and therefore subcommittee is tasked with helping to establish one.

The subcommittee is also considering academic program language for linked programs. The subcommittee invites all committee members to offer commentary and suggestions. They will discuss the issue within the subcommittee and come to the next meeting with a proposal.

**Academic Research Policy Subcommittee**

No report

**Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee**

No report

7. **Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Biostatistics in the Department of Epidemiology and biostatistics. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried**

8. **Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Master of Science Degree in International Business. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried**

9. *Request to establish a Graduate Certificate in Digital Media in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

10. *Request to establish a Graduate Certificate in Media Analytics in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

11. *Request to establish a Graduate Certificate in Organizational Communication for Leadership in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

12. *Request to change the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Strategic Communication in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

13. *Request to establish a Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting and Master of Science Degree in Accounting in the Department of Accounting and Information Systems. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

14. *Request to change the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Arts and Cultural Management in the College of Arts and Letters. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

15. *Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Astrophysics and Astronomy in the Department of physics and Astronomy. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

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16. *Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Astrophysics and Astronomy in the Department of physics and Astronomy.

   Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

17. *Request to establish a Linked Bachelor of Science in Construction Management and Master of Science Degree in Construction Management in the Department of Planning, Design and Construction.

   Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

18. *Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science in Industrial Mathematics.

   Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

19. *Request to establish a Graduate Certificate in K12 Computer Science Education in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Special Education.

   Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

20. *Request to change the requirements for the Master of Public Health degree in Public Health in the College of Human Medicine.

   Motion to approve, seconded, and carried with following amendment:

   Course credits should be 43 instead of 42 (p. 8). Credits for HM 893 Public Health Capstone should be three instead of two.


   Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

22. Presentation by Dr. Michael O’Rourke, Director, MSU Center for Interdisciplinarity

   Introduced new center and discussed a proposed fellowship program in which graduate students collaborate with community members on interdisciplinary projects.

23. Roundtable: No new items

24. Adjournment

   Adjourned: 4:18

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

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