Minutes of the Meeting of the University Committee on Graduate Studies
February 11th, 2019 Chittenden Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room

Participants: M. Bremigan (CANR), B. Burke (COGS), N. Costello (LAW), J. Emerich (MUS), D. Hardison (CAL), D. Hershey (NUR), D. Kaminski (COGS), C. Hogan (BUS), T. Hogan (EGR), D. Landis (CANR), B. Mitchell (COGS), M. Morgan (CSS), A. Choo (BUS), A. Paganini (CHM), T. Sharkey (CNS), M. Tai (COM), K. Tollefson (CNS), G. Wittenbaum (CAS), T. Jeitschko (GRAD)

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm

AGENDA

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

2. Approval of January 14, 2019 Minutes (Attachment) *Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

3. Remarks from the Chairperson (Wittenbaum)

Chair provided updates on items discussed from the previous meeting including the status of the proposal for departmental status of African and African American Studies. Committee input regarding bylaw revisions, and academic calendar discussions was solicited and has been forwarded. There are two remaining meetings this academic year.

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

Dean provided information and update regarding the new Student Information System (SIS). A vendor has been selected. Dean has been in conversations regarding how to make the new system responsive to graduate programs as well as insuring a positive transition. The dean will be requesting assistance with this process and will be assembling an advisory committee comprised of graduate students, faculty, and graduate program directors across the university.

5. Remarks from the COGS Representative (Burke)

Representative reported on two large events for COGS: 1) Saturday, February 16th is the Graduate Academic Conference “Bridging the Gap Between Theory and Application” which will include the three minute thesis competition; 2) There will be a COGS Symposium later in the spring that will focus on “The American Dream” and Immigration policy, and COGS is currently seeking faculty to speak at the symposium.

6. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees

   **Curriculum and Program Review Committee** (A. Paganini)

*Action Items*
Subcommittee has a meeting scheduled after meeting today to discuss auditing graduate specializations and certificates.

Nine action items were sent to the subcommittee of which four were considered by the subcommittee and five were thought to need full committee discussion. Subcommittee considered agenda items #7-#10 and recommended their passage.

**Academic Research Policy Subcommittee** (C. Hogan)

Subcommittee has continued work regarding the Research Integrity Officer evaluation. The survey for the current evaluation has been sent. The subcommittee was also charged with considering changing the model of review. Committee recommended changes (handout). Subcommittee is looking for responses and suggestions regarding proposed changes. Formal proposal will be presented to the full committee at later meeting.

**Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee**

No report

7. **Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Healthcare Management in the Eli Broad College of Business.**
   Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

8. **Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Management Studies in the Eli Broad College of Business.**
   Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

9. **Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Supply Chain Management in the Department of Supply Chain Management.**
   Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

10. **Request to change the requirements for the Dual Major in Ecology, Evolutionary Biology and Behavior in College of Natural Science.**
    Based on further information provided by sponsoring department, this item was discussed by the full committee. Committee requested clarification regarding the two statistical methods courses being added. The proposal was tabled to next meeting and department encouraged to make revisions to language.

   Motion to rescind prior committee approval and table, seconded, and carried

11. *Request to change the requirements for the Master of Jurisprudence degree and the Master of Laws degree in American Legal System in the College of Law.

   Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

12. *Request to change the requirements for the Master of Jurisprudence degree and the
**Master of Laws** degree in **Intellectual Property and Communications Law** in the College of Law.

*Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

13. *Request to change the requirements for the** Master of Science** degree in **Construction Management** in the School of Planning, Design and Construction.

*Motion to approve, seconded and carried as amended:*

1.a. replace “Applicants who have not completed the credits referenced in item 4, . . .” With “Applicants who do not meet the requirements referenced in either item 1 or item 4, . . .”

1.b. in section “Additional Requirements for Plan B,” replace the following

1. Replace “Successful completion” with “Successfully complete”

2. Replace “Successfully defend the research paper acceptable to the guidance committee.” With “Successfully complete the Plan B report acceptable to the guidance committee.”

14. *Request to change the requirements for the** Master of Social Work** degree in **Clinical Social Work** in the School of Social Work.

*Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

15. *Request to change the requirements for the** Graduate Specialization** in **Ecology, Evolutionary Biology and Behavior** in College of Natural Science.

Committee requested clarification regarding the two statistical methods courses being added. The proposal was tabled to next meeting and department encouraged to make revisions to language.

*Motion to table, seconded, and carried.*

16. *Request to change the name and requirements for the** Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Genetics** in the College of Natural Science.

*Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

17. *Request to change the requirements for the** Master of Science** degree in **Neuroscience** in the Program in Neuroscience.

*Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

18. *Request to change the requirements for the** Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Neuroscience** in the Program in Neuroscience.

Committee asked for written documentation of desire to remove GRE admission requirement. The proposal was tabled to next meeting and department encouraged to provide document of intended language.

*Motion to table, seconded, and carried.*

*Action Items*
19. *Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Business Administration** degree in **Integrative Management** in the Eli Broad College of Business.

   *Motion to approve, seconded, and carried.*

20. Roundtable

21. Adjournment

   Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

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