Minutes of the Meeting of the University Committee on Graduate Studies
March 12, 2018 Chittenden Hall, 1st Floor
Conference Room

Participants: S. Baek (ENG), M. Callahan (MUS), A. Contreras (CVM), K. Dontje (NUR), J. Francis (COL), A. Fuente (COGS), D. Hardison (CAL), C. Hogan (BUS), P. Horner (CSS), D. Landis (ANR), M. Morgan (CSS), A. Nair (BUS), J. Nelson (CAL), A. Paganini (CHM), G. Roloff (ANR), T. Sharkey (CNS), M. Tai (COM), K. Tollefson (CNS), G. Wittenbaum (COM), R. Putnam (ED), S. Maingi (COGS), T. Hampton (COGS), T. Jeitschko (GRAD)

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.

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

2. Approval of February 5, 2018 Minutes  Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

3. Remarks from the Chairperson (Hogan)

   No additional remarks for today

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

   Dean reminded committee of the strategic planning process and encouraged members to email Dean Jeitschko or Chris Hogan, Chair of UCGS, with suggestion. Emphasized the importance of the Graduate School in the context of the larger change at MSU since the Graduate School is an integral part of the various missions of the university.

5. Remarks from the COGS Representative (Fuente)

   Representative announced that the alternative events planned for March 5th as a response to the visit of Richard Spencer were highly successful. The Dialogue series continues on March 24th (Saturday). Fliers for this event are forthcoming.

6. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees

   **Curriculum and Program Review Committee**
   Reviewed agenda item #7 and recommended that it be approved.

   Discussions regarding linked Master’s program are continuing with input from units as well as the registrar’s office. The committee is also consulting with both the current and former Dean of the Graduate School as well as the undergraduate curriculum committee to find a more permanent solution to the issue of what undergraduate credit students can count toward linked BA/MA programs.

*Action Items
The committee is beginning the review process for PhD programs that are falling below enrollment targets. Some doctoral programs have reached enrollment trigger points and have received letters. Deans of the colleges will need to respond if the programs will continue. Many programs have responded to the letters with explanations.

**Academic Research Policy Subcommittee**

Conflict of Interest will be discussed for next months

**Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee**

Committee reviewed medical student rights and responsibilities document and the report will come to the committee next month to review edits. The committee is also reviewing non-union GA compensation.

7. **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

8. *Request to change the requirements for the Professional Program in Human Medicine leading to the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree.

   Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

9. *Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Human Nutrition in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition.

   Motion to send it back to the department, seconded, and carried

   There are inconsistencies regarding comprehensive exams. Needs to be sent back to the department for clarification.

10. *Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Human Nutrition in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition.

    Motion to send back to department, seconded, and carried

    There are inconsistencies regarding wording regarding thesis and exam requirements. Needs to be sent back to the department for clarification.

11. *Request to establish a Master of Science degree in Nutrition and Dietetics in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition.

    Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

12. Roundtable: no discussion

*Action Items
13. Adjournment: meeting Adjourned 3:56pm

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