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Minutes of the Meeting of the University Committee on Graduate Studies  
November 7, 2016, Chittenden Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

Participants: Baek, Seungik (EGR), Bence, Jim (ANR), Bradurn, Jacob (COGS), Chhin, Sophan (ANR), Clemente, Ian (COGS), Contreras, Andres (CVM), Francis, Jeremy (CAL), Hallgren, Richard (COM), Hammond, Thomas (CSS), Haque, Raza (CHM), Hardison, Debra (CAL), Hogan, Chris (BUS), Jha, Prakash (COGS), Jordan, Dee (COGS), Kravchenko, Alexandra (CNS), Lotz, Christian (CAL), Morgan, Mindy (CSS), Nair, Anand (BUS), Nguyen, Duong Ngoc (COGS), Okeke, Uchechi (COGS), Poindexter, Kethleen (NUR), Reed, Jonathan (MUS), Stoddart, Judith (TGS), Tollefson, Kirsten (CNS), Weliky, David (CNS), Wittenbuam, Gwen (CAS), Wong, E. David (CED), Yadav, Aman (CED), Nunez, Tony (TGS)

Guests: Wehrwein, Terrie

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda as distributed: *Motion to approve, seconded, and carried.*
2. Approval of September 12, 2016 Minutes: *Motion to approve, seconded, and carried.*
3. Remarks from the Chairperson (Hogan):

UCGS has forwarded two names to search committee for the Dean of the Graduate School: Richard Schwartz and Kristi Bowman. The search committee will choose one of the two names to serve on the committee.

4. Remarks from the Dean of the Graduate School: No report
5. Remarks from the COGS Representative (Jordan): No report
6. Annual Report from Research Integrity Officer – Jim Pivarnik

Professor Pivarnik submitted a report on the activities of the Research Integrity Office to UCGS and to Steven Hsu. Generally, universities that receive federal funds have Research Integrity Officers. The office received five new cases this year, a number lower than previous years. The quality and dispersion of cases was typical compared to previous years. The process involves a preliminary investigation and then, if the case merits, a full investigation. The office is available to present to all groups involved in the research process, including undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty. Terry Curry and Bill Beekman will coordinate the reappointment process.

7. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees

**Curriculum and Program Review Committee (Reed):**

The committee recommends bundling agenda items 8 and 9. The committee is in the process of discussing transfer of graduate certificate credits to doctoral programs. The current language is vague. The committee generally supports that credits should be transferable with approval of the student's guidance committee. The chair expressed the committee's concern that doctoral guidance committees would be the sole and final arbiter of what transfer credits were accepted. The chair also expressed

concern about linked B.A./M.A. programs. The MSU Registrar's Office reports that a student in a linked program may only transfer credits that were taken after that student was enrolled in the linked program.

**Academic Research Policy Subcommittee (Nair)**

This subcommittee is in favor of research policy changes in revised MSU Patent Policy. The subcommittee chair will write a summary of the discussion about the revised Patent Policy and will forward that summary to Richard Chylla.

**Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee (Poindexter)**

No Report

8. Request to change the requirement for the **Master of Arts** degree in **Arts and Cultural Management** in the College of Arts and Letters: Motion to approve as part of slate recommended by the Curriculum and Program Review Committee, seconded, and carried.
9. Request to change the requirements for the **Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies** the College of Arts and Letters: Motion to approve as part of slate recommended by the Curriculum and Program Review Committee, seconded, and carried.
10. Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Master of Science** degree in **Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering** in the Department of Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering, College of Natural Science to the Department of Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering, College of Engineering: *Motion to approve as slate of items 10-13, seconded, and carried.*
11. Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering** in the Department of Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering, College of Natural Science to the Department of Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering, College of Engineering: *Motion to approve as slate of items 10-13, seconded, and carried.*
12. Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Graduate Certificate in Computational Modeling** in the Department of Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering College of Natural Science to the Department of Computational Mathematics Science and Engineering, *College of Natural Science* to the Department of Computational Mathematics Science and Engineering, *College of Engineering: Motion to approve as slate of items 10-13, seconded, and carried.*
13. Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Graduate Certificate in High-Performance Computing** in the Department of Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering, *College of Natural Science* to the Department of Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering *College of Engineering: Motion to approve as slate of items 10-13, seconded, and carried.*
14. Request to change the requirement for the **Doctor of Nursing Practice** degree in Nursing Practice: *Motion to approve, seconded, and carried.*
15. Request to change the requirement for the **Master of Science** in Nursing degree in Nursing: *Motion to approve, seconded, and carried.*

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16. Request to change the requirement for the **Graduate Certificate in Sport Coaching and Leadership** in the Department of Kinesiology: *Motion to approve, seconded, and carried.*
17. Roundtable: No discussion.
18. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at: 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Francis, Ph.D.  
Secretary, UCGS