

Minutes of the Meeting of the University Committee on Graduate Studies
October 10, 2016, Chittenden Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room

Participants: C. Hogan (BUS), J. Francis (LAW), J. Bence (CANR), U. Okeke (COGS), D. Jordan (COGS), I. Clemente (COGS), D. Hardison (CAL), M. Morgan (CSS), G. Wittenbaum (CAS), K. Tollegson (CNS), A. Nair (BUS), P. Kumarjha (CANR), A. Yadav (ED), D. Wong (ED), D. Nguyen (ENG), S. Baek, T. Hammond (SS), R. Hallgeen (AMSUCOM), K. Poindexter (Nursing), J. Reed (Music), C. Lotz (CAL)

Guests: D Mendez (RCS), B Mart-Davidson (CAL), A Surtridge (GESS), B Ruth, S Mohr

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):

No reports from governance committees. UCGS will have a new process for agenda items. The Agenda Committee will review and consider agenda items that are straightforward and noncontroversial. The Agenda Committee will forward these items to the Curriculum and Program Review Committee, chaired by Jonathan Reed. The Curriculum and Program Review Committee will consider each item and vote whether any items should be put forward as a slate to the larger committee. Future agendas will have these items designated. The chair still encourages the same level of review, and any UCGS member may request during the meeting that an item be removed from the slate for separate discussion.

4. Remarks from the Dean of the Graduate School:

UCGS subcommittees have additional items to consider. Chairs of subcommittees should meet with Dean Stoddart to prepare for upcoming subcommittee meetings.

5. Remarks from the COGS Representative (Jordan):

The Keeling Report was shared with COGS members at the October COGS meeting. COGS is hosting town halls to facilitate communication. COGS has funding remaining for Conference Awards; contact COGS with nominees who have presented at conferences. COGS disciplinary leadership awards. Consider nominating students for COGS Disciplinary Leadership Awards, which come with a \$2,000 prize.

6. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees

Curriculum and Program Review Committee (Reed):

The committee considered nine agenda items to put forward as a slate for approval. Two requests asked to delete graduate programs (Agenda items 9 and 14). The remainder of the requests for name changes in degree programs from Geological Sciences (Agenda items 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18).

Academic Research Policy Subcommittee (Nair):

This subcommittee was asked to review changes to MSU patent policy.

Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee (Poindexter):

No Report

7. Recommended changes to the MSU Patent Policy (Rich Chylla):

The University is revising the MSU Patent and Tech Transfer policies to reflect changes in patent practices since the former policy was adopted.

8. Discussion of search procedures and committee for the Graduate Dean Search (Terry Curry):

We are conducting a search for the Dean of the Graduate School this academic year. UCGS will provide two names of nominees to serve on the search committee. Details can be found in distributed document "Search and Rating Procedures for the Position of Associate Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School."

Chair Hogan discussed possibilities for generating nominees for the search committee. UCGS committee members should consult with administration of colleges to generate one nominee per college. UCGS members should forward these nominees to Chris Hogan before October 20, 2016.

9. Request to delete the curriculum and degree requirements for the **Master of Arts** degree in the **Applied Spanish Linguistics** in the Department of Romance and Classical Studies: *Motion to approve as part of slate recommended by the Curriculum and Program Review Committee, seconded, and carried.*
10. *Request to change the requirements for the **Graduate Certificate** in **Digital Humanities** in the College of Arts and Letters: *Motion to approve with clarification about the nature of the supervised pedagogy project in 2(a), seconded, and carried.*
11. Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Environmental Geosciences-Environmental Toxicology** from the Department of Geological Sciences to the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences: *Motion to approve as part of slate recommended by the Curriculum and Program Review Committee, seconded, and carried.*
12. Request to change the administrative responsibility of the **Master of Science** degree in **Environmental Geosciences** from Department of Geological Sciences to the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences: *Motion to approve as part of slate recommended by the Curriculum and Program Review Committee, seconded, and carried.*
13. Request to change the administrative responsibility of the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Environmental Geosciences** from the Department of Geological Sciences to the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences: *Motion to approve as part of slate recommended by the Curriculum and Program Review Committee, seconded, and carried.*
14. Request to delete the curriculum and degree requirements for the **Master of Science** degree in **Geographic Information Science** in the department of Geography: *Motion to approve as part of slate recommended by the Curriculum and Program Review Committee, seconded, and carried.*
15. Request to change the administrative responsibility of the **Master of Science** degree in **Geography** from the Department of Geography to the Department of Geography, Environment, and Spatial Sciences:

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Motion to approve as part of slate recommended by the Curriculum and Program Review Committee, seconded, and carried.

16. Request to change the administrative responsibility of the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Geography** from the Department of Geography to the Department of Geography, Environment, and Spatial Sciences: *Motion to approve as part of slate recommended by the Curriculum and Program Review Committee, seconded, and carried.*
17. Request to change the Administrative Responsibility of the **Master of Science Degree in Geological Sciences** from the Department of Geological Sciences to the Department of Earth and Environmental Science: *Motion to approve as part of slate recommended by the Curriculum and Program Review Committee, seconded, and carried.*
18. Request to change the administrative responsibility of the **Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Geological Sciences** from the Department of Geological Sciences to the Department of Earth and Environmental Science: *Motion to approve as part of slate recommended by the Curriculum and Program Review Committee, seconded, and carried.*
19. *Request to change the requirements for the **Doctor of Musical Arts** degree in **Music Conducting** in the College of Music: *Motion to approve, seconded, and carried.*
20. Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Music** degree in **Music Conducting** in the College of Music: *Motion to approve, seconded, and carried.*
21. Request to establish a **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Physiology-Environmental Toxicology** in the Department of Physiology as a program affiliated with the Program in Environmental and Integrative Toxicological Sciences: *Motion to approve, seconded, and carried.*
22. Request to change the administrative responsibility of the **Graduate Specialization in Economics of Education** in the College of Education to the Department of Educational Administration: *Motion to approve, seconded, and carried.*
23. Request to change the name of the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Educational Policy** in the Department of Educational Administration to **Education Policy**: *Motion to approve, seconded, and carried.*
24. Roundtable: No discussion.
25. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at: 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Francis, Ph.D.
Secretary, UCGS

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