

Minutes of the Meeting of the University Committee on Graduate Studies
February 3, 2014, 113 Linton Hall, MSU

Participants: K Klomparens (TGS), S Baek (EGR), G Zeldes (CAS), S Spoelstra (NUR), D Weliky (CNS), E Strauss (CSS), A True (COGS), S Ferguson-Miller (CNS), C Hogan (BUS), PS Mohankumar (CVM), S Arch (CAL), R Quispe-Agnoli (CAL), R Hallgren (COM), L Goldstein (CSS), L Gardner (CANR)

Guests: Andre Lee (CHEM E), John Carlson (CEPSE), Jim Galligan (Neuroscience)

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m. with a quorum present.
2. Approval of agenda – Approved by all without additions.
3. Approval of the January 13, 2014 Minutes (Attachment) – Approved by all as presented.
4. Remarks from the Chairperson (Gardner), tomorrow is a steering committee meeting to provide an update; and a report summarizing activities.
5. Remarks from the Dean of the Graduate School (Klomparens): last week Graduate School received 192 applicants for the 40 University Fellowship. This is the most remarkable group of nominations ever submitted. Early offers will be made by the 11th of February to the initial group; and final offers will be made by the 26th.
6. Remarks from the COGS Representative (Fletcher in class; given by Klomparens):
 - 1) At the February Full Council Meeting, COGS will hear from Dave Byelich regarding various ideas for the implementation of differential tuition at MSU and Dr. Scott Becker related to data and information from the MSU Counseling Center. A third policy matter of interest for COGS, related to open access as currently situated at MSU, will also be introduced.
 - 2) February marks the beginning of the nomination period for 2014-15 COGS Executive Board positions.
 - 3) Planning is coming along well for the annual Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week activities, a nationally recognized week held to pay tribute to the contributions of advanced degree candidates to their respective campuses. This year, events will be held from April 7-11. COGS is also partnering with the distance medical campuses in Macomb, Detroit, and Grand Rapids to have site-specific events at those places too.
7. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees:
 - a. **Graduate Instruction, Employment, and Mentoring Subcommittee:** REPORT (Chris Hogan): Compensation for RA's & TE's are recommended by this committee.

The TA's are getting a negotiated 1% raise and the committee is recommending the same for RAs and TEs. TA's have a pool of 200 extra tuition credits that they have acquired to use for those who need assistance. Also recommending, an additional 1% raise for the RA's & TE's. **UCGS recommendation: A 2-3% raise for RA's and TE's.** – Approved with one opposition vote. (revised post meeting in order to be accurate)

- b. **Curriculum and Program Review Committee:** no report
 - MOOCs
 - Joint Degrees
 - c. **Academic Research Policy Subcommittee:** no report
8. GSRR Revisions – VOTE on the big changes so it can go to COGS; handout. Discussed page 11 & 13, change of grievance procedure from preponderance (just over half). Typical grievances are students who do not believe the grade received are one they should have gotten.
 - a. MOTION TO APPROVE 5.3.4 to ***“produce facts that provide clear and convincing evidence”*** for the panel to assemble. **APPROVED**
 - b. MOTION TO APPROVE 5.4.12.1 added ***“facts that provided clear and convincing evidence”*** instead of preponderance; presentation of new information remove is ***“inappropriate”***. **APPROVED**
 9. Request to establish a Linked **Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering** and **Master of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering** in the Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science. A representative of Chemical Engineering presented 9-credit hour counting for both degrees. – Approved.
 10. Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Science degree in Biosystems Engineering** in the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering. – Approved.
 11. Request to change the requirements for the **Educational Specialist degree in School Psychology** in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education. – Approved.
 12. Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Master of Science degree in Neuroscience** in the College of Natural Science to the Program in Neuroscience. – Approved.
 13. Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Doctor of Philosophy degree in Neuroscience** in the College of Natural Science to the Program in Neuroscience. – Approved.
 14. Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Doctor of Philosophy degree in Neuroscience-Environmental Toxicology** in the College of Natural Science to the Program in Neuroscience. – Approved.
 15. Roundtable
 16. Adjournment

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Respectfully Submitted,

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