

Minutes of the Meeting of the University Committee on Graduate Studies  
March 10, 2014, 113 Linton Hall, MSU

**Participants:**

Karen Klomparens – Grad School  
Lynne Goldstein – SSC-Anthro  
Rick Hallgren – College of Osteopathic  
Rocio Quispe-Agnoli – College of Arts and Letters  
Amber True – CAL/COGS  
Geri Alunit Zeldes – College of Com Arts and Sciences  
Chris Hogan – Business  
Guofang Li – Teacher Education  
Eric Strauss – SSC-Planning, Design, and Construction  
Jennifer Carter-Johnson – LAW  
Sandy Spoelstra – CON  
Liz Gardner - CANR

**Guests:**

Lucinda Davenport – CAS  
Bill hart-Davidson – CAL  
Ken Franks – COED  
R. LaRose – CAS  
Susan Bandes – CAL

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. with a quorum present.
2. Approval of agenda – Approved by all without additions.
3. Approval of the February 10, 2014 Minutes (Attachment) – Approved by all as presented.
4. Remarks from the Chairperson (Gardner): seeking nominations.
5. Remarks from the Dean of the Graduate School (Klomparens). President Simon sent a note regarding RIO, review which was positive; and Dr. Pavarnik has agreed to stay in his role. Graduate school is sending out a survey on Responsible Conduct of Research climate (30-questions) in late March. Late Change in Grad School certification.
  - a. GSRR suggestions for:
    - i. 2.3.3 Language suggesting provision of accurate information not accepted. Motion was made by Lynne Goldstein to keep language as passed; Jennifer Carter-Johnson second; all votes in favor.
    - ii. 3.4.5 Language suggesting provision of teaching role not accepted. Motion was made by Lynne Goldstein to keep language as passed; Richard Holmgren second; all votes in favor.
  - b. Report on RAs summer appointments without enrollment: back

in 2007-08 UCGS passed a recommendation that RAs should be able to have a stipend but not have to enroll or get tuition credits. Would not apply to TAs or students who do need the credits. Suggested would be a great idea to continue.

6. Remarks from the COGS Representative (Fletcher).
  - a. President Simon is giving a report on the State of MSU on 3/12/2014. Considering a new logo.
  - b. Graduate & Professional Appreciation Week, working on a national week of celebration April 4—11 for graduate students.
  - c. 6<sup>th</sup> Academic Conference for graduate students; one segment on 3” dissertation on March 27<sup>th</sup>; increase in student attendance with 11 new departments participating.
  - d. Alternative Tuition Assessment/Differential Tuition model was presented to COGS by Dave Byelich, and making suggestions to President Simon. Education, Engineering, Business already have differential tuition models.
7. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees:
  - a. **Curriculum and Program Review Committee:**  
MOOCs-Dr. Klomprens writing up draft document to guide Provost.  
Joint Degrees-draft document, engineering writing up specific comments.
  - b. **Academic Research Policy Subcommittee:** completed work.
  - c. **Graduate Instruction, Employment, and Mentoring Subcommittee:** completed work.
8. Nominations for Elections (April 7, 2014):
  - a. Eric Straus (Chair) nominated and all votes in favor.
  - b. Chris Hogan (Vice-chair) nominated and all votes in favor.
  - c. Sandra Spoelstra (Secretary) nominated and all votes in favor.
9. Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Science** degree in **Biostatistics** in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. Motion approval, second, all votes in favor.
10. Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Arts** degree in **Journalism** in the School of Journalism. Motion approval, second, all votes in favor.
11. Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Arts** degree in **Anthropology** Department of Anthropology. Motion approval, second, all votes in favor.
12. Request to change the requirements for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Anthropology** in the Department of Anthropology. Motion approval, second, all votes in favor.
13. Request to change the requirements for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Measurements and Quantitative Methods** in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education. Motion approval, second, all votes in favor.
14. Request to establish a Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.) degree in **Legal Doctrine and Analysis** in the College of Law. Motion approval, second, all votes in favor.

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15. Request to establish a **Graduate Specialization in Media and Informational Studies** in the college of Communication Arts and Sciences.
16. Request to establish a **Graduate Certificate in Applied Parasitology and Public Health** in the College of Human Medicine moved to next month agenda per motion, second, all votes in favor.
17. Request to establish a **Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies** the College of Arts and Letters. Discussion on cross-listing courses to assure broader enrollment. Another question was asked about technology being incorporated into the program. A suggestion was made to consider wording Motion approval, second, all votes in favor with one abstention.
18. Roundtable
19. Adjournment at 4:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra L. Spoelstra