Minutes of the Meeting of the University Committee on Graduate Studies
November 11, 2019
110 Chittenden Hall

Participants: M. Abel (COGS/CSS), A. Gilad (CHM), D. Hershey (CON), T. Hogan (EGR), D. Jones (COGS/LAW), K. Kim (COB), D. Koslowsky (COM), A. Moeser (CVM), M. Morgan (CSS), A, Nair (COB), R. Rakesh (CSS), J. Riebschleger (CSS), M. Rubino (CANR), T. Sharkey (CNS), J. Smith (COE), K. Tollefson (CNS), B. Van Dyke (CAL), G. Wittenbaum (CAS), D. Wong (COE), R. Campa (GRAD)

The meeting was called to order at 3:03

AGENDA

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

2. Approval of October 14, 2019 Minutes (Attachment) Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

3. Remarks from the Chairperson (Wittenbaum)

   Chair announced that this is the last UCGS meeting of the semester. Alerted the committee that there was concern about a new program that was formerly approved by UCGS but has been contested by another college as being duplicative. UCGS will likely consider a new proposal in January meeting. Members are encouraged to review materials and discuss concerns with colleagues in respective schools and colleges in advance of UCGS meetings in order to avoid similar situations.

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

   Rique Campa provided comments for Dean Jeitschko. The Graduate school recently hired Aaron Reifler as the Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Studies. Dr. Reifler is the first person to hold this position.

5. Remarks from the COGS Representative (Abel)

   COGS sponsored a forum following some of the racial incidents on campus. Many of these discussions centered on the survey conducted by a professor in Communication Arts and Sciences. This led to a larger conversation about cultures within certain colleges and departments. COGS will likely be making some policy proposals at their November meeting to address these climate issues. COGS will likely vote on the proposals in the December meeting.

6. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees

   Curriculum and Program Review Committee

*Action Items
No report

Academic Research Policy Subcommittee
Subcommittee met at the beginning of the month to consider the request of removing postdocs from the room sharing restriction for the new MSU travel policy. The proposal from the committee was made available to the full committee on the UCGS D2L site. Subcommittee chair Hogan asked for feedback from the members of UCGS. Discussion followed that centered on issues including, but not limited to, the definitions of supervisor, consideration of graduate student concerns, and additional burdens placed on individuals to secure an appeal. Committee is encouraged to provide further suggestions to the subcommittee with the intention of having a revised proposal for discussion at the January UCGS meeting.

Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee
No report

7. *Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing degree in the College of Nursing.

Motion to approve, seconded, and carried.

8. *Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in the College of Nursing.

Motion to approve, seconded, and carried


Motion to consider agenda items #9, 10, 11, and 12 as a package for committee vote.
Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

Motion to approve agenda items #9, 10, 11, and 12.
Motion to approve, seconded, and carried

10. *Request to establish a Graduate Certificate in Nurse Practitioner – Psychiatric Mental Health in the College of Nursing.

(see motion and approval in Agenda item #9)

11. *Request to establish a Graduate Certificate in Nurse Practitioner – Adult Gerontological Primary Care in the College of Nursing.

(see motion and approval in Agenda item #9)

12. *Request to establish a Graduate Certificate in Nurse Practitioner – Family in the College

*Action Items
of Nursing.

(see motion and approval in Agenda item #9)

13. *Request to establish a Master of Science degree in PA Medicine in the Department of PA Medicine.

   *Motion to approve, seconded, and carried with the following amendment:

   Approval is pending letters of approval from College of Human Medicine, College of Nursing, and College of Natural Science.

14. Roundtable: No issues

15. Adjournment

   Meeting adjourned at 4:32pm