

University Committee on Graduate Studies

Minutes

Oct. 18, 2021



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Present: William Anderson (COGS), Nancy Costello (LAW), Cathy Ernst (CANR), Assaf Gilad (CHM), Anne-Lise Halvorsen (EDU), Mamoodal Haq (ENG), Beth Herbel-Eisenmann (EDU), Denise Soltow Hershey (NURS), Sara Hugentobler (COGS), Tomas Hult (BUS), Thomas Jeitschko (GRAD), Kyonghee Kim (BUS), Donna Koslowsky (COM), Rajesh Kulkarni (CNS), Bethany Laursen (GRAD), Alice Puchalsky (COGS), Tom Sharkey (CNS), Tina Timm for Joanne Riebschleger (CSS), Kirsten Tollefson (GRAD), Ben Van Dyke (CAL), Lorraine Weatherspoon (CANR), and Tian Zhou (MUS)

Guests: Richard Saouma (re item 24), Michael Stern and Valeta Wensloff (re item 25), Subir Biswas and Nihar Mahapatra (re item 26), Stephanie Nawyn (re item 27)

Absent: Mamöödal Haq (ENG), Gary Hoppenstand (CAL), Adam Moeser (CVM), Joanne Riebschleger (Tina Tim substituting)(CSS), Bruno Takahashi (CCAS), Lily Yan (CSS),

Preliminary Matters: The University Committee on Graduate Studies held at a regular meeting via Zoom on October 18, 2021 at 3 p.m. with Chairperson Denise Hershey presiding.

1. *Action:* The **agenda** was **approved** as presented by consent.
2. *Action:* The draft **minutes of the September 20, 2021 meeting** were moved by Rajesh Kulkarni, seconded by Ben Van Dyke and **approved**.
3. **Remarks from the Chairperson (Denise Hershey):** New committee members from COGS, William Anderson and Alice Puchalsky, were welcomed.
4. Remarks from the Dean of the Graduate School (Thomas Jeitschko)
 - a. Dean Jeitschko reported on waivers of minimum numbers of letters of recommendation for admission, as discussed and approved in the September meeting. He anticipates having list of exemptions he has granted this year shortly.
 - b. Charge to the UCGS task force on graduate academic dishonesty policies – Dean Jeitschko discussed academic misconduct policies. He would like the UCGS to establish a task force to consider several issues and report whether policies need to be updated. Among the issues are that new requirements for Responsible Conduct of Research for all graduate students changes the landscape for evaluating academic misconduct by graduate students. Also at issue is the confluence of academic misconduct, research integrity, and professional standards. Dean Jeitschko suggested that the task force could call on the Omsbuds Office, the Office of the Research Integrity officer, and guidance from NSF and NIH.
5. Remarks from the COGS President (Sara Hugentobler)

COGS Full Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20. In addition to Sara Hugentobler, COGS members of UCGS for 2021-2022 will be William Anderson and Alice Puchalsky.

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6. Annual report from the Research Integrity Officer (Jim Pivarnik)

The RIO summarized his report to UCGS. Because Professor Pivarnik will rotate out of the RIO position the mandated UCGS review of the RIO this year may need to be modified or postponed.

7. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees Reports

Academic Research Policy Subcommittee: Discussion of the RIO review

Graduate Instruction, Employment, & Mentoring Subcommittee: No report

Curriculum and Program Review Committee: Recommends approval of agenda items 8 to 23 without need for full committee review or departmental representative because the requested changes are minor.

Motion by Lorraine Weatherspoon and second by Rajesh Kulkarni to accept the recommendation to approve items 8 to 23. Passed with no objections.

8. *****Request to Request to Change the Requirements for the Master of Business Administration***
9. *****Request to Change the Admission Requirements for all Doctor of Education degrees in the College of Education.***
10. *****Request to Change the Admission Requirements for all Educational Specialist degrees in the College of Education.***
11. *****Request to Change the Admission Requirements for all Doctor of Philosophy degrees in the College of Education.***
12. *****Request to Change the Requirements for the Master of Arts in Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education***
13. *****Request to Change the Requirements for the Master of Arts in Special Education***
14. *****Request for a Moratorium on Admissions to the Graduate Specialization in Judicial Administration***
15. *****Request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Master of Arts in Teaching in Mathematics***
16. *****Request to Change the Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics***
17. *****Request to Change the Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy in Plant Biology***
18. *****Request to Change the Requirements for the Doctor of Musical Arts in Collaborative Piano***
19. *****Request to Change the Requirements for the Doctor of Musical Arts in Music Composition***

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20. ***Request to **Change** the Requirements for the Doctor of Musical Arts in Music Performance*

21. ***Request to **Change** the Requirements for the Master of Musical Arts in Music Performance*

22. ***Request to **Change** the Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing*

23. ***Request to **Change** the Requirements for the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine*

24. *Request to **Add** a new **Master of Science Degree in Customer Experience Management**
(Richard Saouma and Richard Spreng)

Motion to approve by Kyonghee Kim, second by Donna Kozlowski, Passed with no objections.

25. *Request to **Add** a new **Master of Science Degree in User Experience** (Valeta Wensloff,
Michael Stern)

Motion to approve subject to documenting approval by related colleges by Thomas D. Sharkey second by Ben Van Dyke, passed with no objections

26. *Request to **Add** a new **Graduate Certificate (Type 2) in Secure and Connected Cyber-Physical Systems** (Subir Biswas and Nihar Mahapatra)

Motion to approve by Rajesh Kulkarni, second by Beth Herbel-Eisenmann, passed with no objection

27. *Request to **Change** the Requirements for the **Graduate Specialization in International Development** (Stephanie Nawyn)

Motion to approve by Anne-Lise Halvorsen, second by Rajesh Kulkarni, passed with no objection

28. **Roundtable** A question about the status of the Dean's search was asked. There was no information at the time but committee membership was being finalized and initial meetings are anticipated soon.

29. **Adjournment** the meeting was adjourned at 4:30

Draft minutes submitted by:

Thomas D. Sharkey, for the Secretary the University Committee on Graduate Studies

Approved: November 15, 2021

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