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Minutes of the University Committee on Graduate Studies (UCGS) Meeting January 24, 2022

Present:

William Anderson (COGS)
Nancy Costello (LAW),
Bruno Takahashi (CAS),
Cathy Ernst (CANR),
Assaf Gilad (CHM),
Anne-Lise Halvorsen (EDU),
Beth Herbel-Eisenmann (EDU),
Denise Soltow Hershey (NURS),
Gary Hoppenstand (CAL),
Sara Hugentobler (COGS),
G.Tomas Hult (BUS),
Kyonghee Kim (BUS),
Marie Kloboves (COGS)
Donna Koslowsky (COM),
Rajesh Kulkarni (CNS),
Adam Moeser (CVM),
Alice Puchalsky (COGS)
Joanne Riebschleger (CSS),
Tom Sharkey (CNS),
Lily Yan (CSS),
Lorraine Weatherspoon (CANR), and
Tian Zhou (MUS)

Absent: None

Additional attending: Bethany Laursen (GRAD), Kirsten Tollefson (GRAD), & Eric Torng (GRAD)

Guests: Hilda Mejia Abreu (VET), Jyoyhi Kumar (SCI), Shinhan Shiu (SCI), Albert Cohen (MTH), Vince Melfi (MTH), Keith Promislow (MTH).

1. *Preliminary Matters:* The full regular UCGS Zoom January 24, 2022, meeting was called to order at 3 PM by Chair Denise Hershey.
2. *Approval of Agenda – Agenda was approved.*
3. *Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2022. Minutes were approved.*
4. *Remarks from the Chairperson* (Denise Hershey): The Chair discussed the need to elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary in the April 2022 UCGS meeting. We will need to build an election slate.
5. *Remarks from the Graduate School* (Eric Torng and Kirsten Tollefson): Eric Torng said it is important to consider the existing student policy of one time per academic year enrollment, (annual), versus a new proposal to allow students to enroll twice per academic year (semi-annual). **Motion to allow**

students to enroll in courses semi-annually by Tom Sharkey. 2nd – Sara Hugentobler. Discussion of the need for increased flexibility for student course enrollment. **Motion passed.**

Kirsten Tollefson reminded committee members of interviews for Dean of Graduate School interviews Wed.- Fri. next week.

6. *Remarks from the COGS President (Sara Hugentobler):* Sara Hugentobler introduced new COGS committee member Marie Kloboves. She noted that COGS was initiating a student tech grant application.
7. *Update from the Academic Dishonesty Policies Task Force:* Anne-Lise Halvorson noted that the group reviewing academic dishonesty policies includes members of the Academic Research Subcommittee and the Graduate Instruction, Employment, and Mentoring Subcommittee. The taskforce members discussed a plan for reviewing three policies and providing recommendations.
8. *University Committee on Graduate Studies - Subcommittees Reports*

Academic Research Policy Subcommittee (Anne-Lise Halvorsen & Lorraine Weatherspoon)

Co-Chairs Anne-Lise Halvorson and Lorraine Weatherspoon discussed the the work underway to evaluate the Research Integrity Officer, including a survey assessment measure. There was discussion about the future need to consider revising the survey to include both the assessment of the RIO leader and the RIO program. For now, the existing survey focusing on the RIO leader may be helpful to the current replacement RIO officer hiring process.

Graduate Instruction, Employment, & Mentoring Subcommittee (Tomas Hult). Tomas Hult noted the committee did not meet yet. Members are gearing up to address instruction, employment, and mentoring topics in spring 2022. For example, they will be recommending raise levels for teaching assistants.

Curriculum and Program Review Committee (Thomas Sharkey). Tom Sharkey said the committee reviewed the curriculum requests forwarded by the Agenda Committee. Members noted that items 9-15 could be processed as a group motion (see items below). **Motion by Tom Sharkey to Approve items 9-15 below.** 2nd – Rajesh Kulkarni. Brief discussion. **Motion approved.**

9. *****Request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Master of Art Degree in Critical Studies in Literature and Pedagogy***
10. *****Request to Phase Out and Discontinue the Master of Art Degree in Digital Rhetoric and Professional Writing***
11. *****Request to Change the Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in English***
12. *****Request to Change the Requirements for the Master of Social Work Degree [Clinical Social Work; Clinical Social Work-Advanced Standing; Organization and Community Leadership; and Organization and Community Leadership-Advanced Standing]***
13. *****Request to Change the Requirements for the Master of Science Degree in Plant Biology***

14. ****Request to Change the Requirements of the Graduate Specialization in Security Management**
15. ****Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Graduate Specialization in Animal Studies: Social Science and Humanities Perspective**
16. ***Request to Change the Admission Requirements for the Professional Program in Veterinary Medicine** (Hilda Mejia Abreu).

Guest Hilda Mejia Abreu discussed the request for change to the admission requirements for the Professional Program for Veterinary Medicine. The request is to require program applicants to have completed 100% of prerequisite courses at the time of admission. The purpose is to allow sufficient student time for a newly required summer wellness program and to avoid taking prerequisite courses at the same time as a rigorous application process and/or the onset of the VET courses. Hilda Mejia Abreu described a plan to notify advisors locally and nationally and university meetings with potential applicants. Motion by Donna Koslowsky. 2nd – Maria Kloboves. Motion is to change the admission requirements for the VET program so that **students will have completed 100% of their prerequisite courses at the time of application. Motion passed.**

17. ***Request for a New Graduate Certificate in Computational Plant Science** (Jyothi Kumar & Shinhan Shiu).

Guests Shinhan Shiu and Jyothi Kumar explained the growing need for computation plant science skills. A new 3-course certificate is proposed. Motion by Tom Sharkey to **approve a new graduate certificate in computational sciences.** 2nd – Joanne Riebschleger. **Motion passed.**

18. ***Request for a New Graduate Certificate in Sports Analytics** (Albert Cohen, Vince Melfi, & Keith Promislow).

The proposal is to add a new graduate certificate in sports analytics. This is a growing call for using expanded analytics to assist with recruitment and performance assessment of athletes. Motion by Beth Herbel-Eisenmann to **add a new certificate in sports analytics.** 2nd – Rajesh Kulkarni. **Motion passed.**

19. *Roundtable:* There were no additional discussion item.

20. *Adjournment:* The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by



Joanne Riebschleger, Secretary for UCGS

Approved: February 21, 2022