Minutes of the Meeting of the University Committee on Graduate Studies
October 6 2014, Chittenden Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room

Participants: K. Klomparens (TGS) L Goldstein (CSS), E Strauss (CSS), S Spoelstra (NUR), D Stroupe (ED), J Reed (COM), C Hogan (BUS), G Li (ED), E Bank (COGS), C Mejeur (COGS), J Choi (EGR), Z Szendrei (CANR), N Hu (COGS), D Clark (COGS), T Berding (CAL), D Weliky (CNS), E Outslay (BUS), S B-Hampton

Guests: Jinhua Zhao (ESPP), Sandy Marquart-Pyatt, Melanie Jacobs (LAW), Eric Torng (CSE), Terrie Wehrwein (NUR), Jim Pivarnik (RIO)

Observer: Samantha Lake

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

2. Approval of agenda – Motion, and approved by all without additions.

3. Approval of the September 8, 2014 Minutes (Attachment) – Motion, and approved by all as presented.

4. Remarks from the Chairperson (Strauss): the Grief Policy for GRADUATE students comments from this committee have caused for a Joint Task Force of faculty volunteers to revise and resubmit it to all committees. An email was sent around to ask for volunteers for the Task Force. Discussion on participation was discussed. Chris Hogan and Dan Clark are willing to serve on the Task Force. It was suggested that the policy be at the graduate level between the student and the advisor.

5. Remarks from the Dean of the Graduate School: welcome to Chittenden Hall.

6. Remarks from the COGS Representative Emily Bank, COGS also moved into the new Hall; Academic Conference speaker was selected focused on wellness of graduate students; a roadmap was created to guide work this year.

7. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees have no report:
   Curriculum and Program Review Committee
   Academic Research Policy Subcommittee
   Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee

8. *Amending language for RESIDENCY for Ph.D. students: Dr. Klomparens reported on carryover issue from five years ago; and that only 1 credit is needed for dissertation work. The language change was FROM (current language): One year of residence on campus after first enrollment for doctoral degree credit is required to permit the student to work with and under the direction of the faculty, and to engage in independent and cooperative research utilizing university facilities. A year of residence will be made up of two consecutive semesters, involving the completion of at least six credits of graduate work each semester. TO: (suggested new language in CAPS)"

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One year of residence on campus after first enrollment for doctoral degree credit is required to permit the student to work with and under the direction of the faculty, and to engage in independent and cooperative research utilizing university facilities. A year of residence will be made up of two consecutive semesters, involving the completion of credits at the level of FULL-TIME STATUS of graduate work each semester. Discussion occurred on whether students were on campus or not and if it was required. A motion to approve new language and approved by all.

9. *Request to establish a Graduate Certificate in Environmental and Social System Modeling in the College of Social Science. Motion, and APPROVED.

10. *Request to change the requirements in the Master of Science degree in Computer Science in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. Suggestion to promote to students other that ESPP as they may benefit from the certificate. Motion, and APPROVED.

11. *Request to change the requirements in the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Computer Science in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. Motion, and APPROVED.

12. *Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing degree in Nursing. Motion, and APPROVED.

13. *Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in Nursing Practice. Motion, and APPROVED.

14. *Request to change the name of the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Nurse Specialist to the Graduate Certificate in Adult –Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist in the College of Nursing. Motion, and APPROVED.

15. *Request to change the requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Nurse Practitioner in the College of Nursing. Motion, and APPROVED.

16. *Request to change the requirements for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) and Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.) degrees in Global Food Law in the College of Law. Motion, and APPROVED.

17. Research Integrity Annual Report was reviewed by James Pivanik, the University Research Integrity Officer. A question arose regarding feedback from the RI to panel members about outcomes of the procedures, and Dr. Pivanik reported he will begin to correct the lack of feedback. There is a new hotline to report issues.

18. Standing Committee Response to Faculty Senate Survey has been sent to all faculty, they are interested in having each standing committee to select a project to do. The Senate suggested several projects. It was suggested that we work on engaging undergraduate students in graduate education via additional TAs lines, which will be added to the Graduate Instruction Committee. A list will also be provided on all other items in progress.

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20. Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.