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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies
November 5, 2012, 3:00pm, 113 Linton Hall

Participants: Karen Klomparens (TGS), R. Spreng (Bus), S. Fletcher (COGS), Fendler (CoE), Carter-Johnson (Law), Liz Gardner (CANR), Jim Trosko (CHM), Steve Lacy (CAS), Beth Olson (CANR), Amita Chudgar (CoE), Pero Dagbovie (CSS), Stephen Arch (CAL), Derek Polischuk (CAL), Lynne Goldstein (CSS), Barbara Kitchell (CVM), Indrek Wichman (EGR), Dave Weliky (CNS), Shelagh Ferguson-Miller (CHM/CNS)

Guests: J. Pivarnik (RIO), W. Hart-Davidson (CAL), D. Devoss (CAL), Hira Koul (CNS), Josh Plavnik (CoE). Brendan Guenther (VU DAT)

1. Approval of Agenda **APPROVED**
2. Approval of October 8, 2012 Minutes **APPROVED**
3. No remarks from the Chairperson (Spreng)
4. No remarks from the Dean of the Graduate School
5. Remarks from the COGS Representative (Stefan Fletcher)
 - Graduate Student Study Space in the Library: Spaces may be repurposed for graduate students in the writing stage of their dissertation.
 - The Student Radio Station will be financially reviewed by COGS
6. Report from the Academic Research Policy Subcommittee
 - Consideration of a limit on 999 Credits: Currently 99. Fringe benefit rates for GA's are affected by the large number of 999 credits taken in excess of the 24 that are required
 - Revising policy on embargoing theses and dissertations: Documents are currently deposited in ProQuest (MSU documents are not searchable by Google, not available to Third Party Sellers). If patent is possible, embargoed for 6 months before submission but the student can still graduate. Tony Nunez would currently prefer that these are held by Proquest. Another issue: should there be other reasons that Theses or Dissertations be embargoed? Some students and programs wish that research was available. Currently all on or all off. The committee will discuss this more. UGC Members were encouraged to speak to their colleagues about this issue and report back.
 - Can students apply for more than more program when applying for grad school: currently no; committee is looking at options of 2013.
7. Report from University Integrity Officer, Jim Pivarnik
9. new complete cases this year. Looking to implement electronic "quasi-anonymous" reporting.
8. ACTION ITEM 1: **APPROVED**

9. ACTION ITEM 2: **APPROVED**

10. ACTION ITEM 3: **APPROVED**

11. Roundtable: James Trosko---discussed the danger possible of online courses only for complete coverage of the increasingly complex topic of treating autism.

Brendan Guenther (VU DAT) described the process to make Ithenticate Technology available to MSU faculty and grad students. Ithenticate would help check a manuscript prior to submission to a journal. It checks for plagiarism and alerts you if it finds any.

(Optional 20 min update) Turn It In—anti-plagiarism software: what you need to know about MSU’s use (Brendan Guenther, IT Services Teaching and Learning)

12. Meeting Adjourned