

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #4 on 10/26/2021

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its fourth meeting of AY '21/'22 on October 26, 2021 (Tuesday) via Zoom.

Present: D. Korkin (CS, Chair), S. Shell (BBT, Secretary), M. Demetriou (AE), L. Fichera (RBE), D. Medich (PH), B. Vernescu (Vice Provost for Research)

Guests: S. Miles (Registrar), M. Terrio (Executive Director of Graduate Recruitment and Admissions)

Prof. Korkin called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

1. The minutes of meeting #3 were reviewed and approved with minor edits.
2. The committee reviewed a revised motion for approval of an Interdisciplinary PhD in Global Health. The motion was returned to the petitioner with requests for edits to clarify the number of credits completed and anticipated in each category.
3. Discussion item: proposal for a new course, Student Research Mentoring (ID 510).
 - a. The proposed zero-credit course would help graduate students and postdocs learn how to mentor effectively.
 - b. There was general enthusiasm for the idea, given the previously noted interest that our graduate students have expressed in obtaining training in research mentoring.
 - c. The committee requested:
 - i. A summary and/or link to the curriculum upon which the proposed course is based.
 - ii. That the motion specify pass/fail grading.
 - iii. Revision of the language regarding prerequisites to state that graduate or post-doc standing is required.
4. Discussion item: petition for a graduate student to transfer to WPI.
 - a. A graduate student has petitioned to transfer to WPI for completion of their degree, as their advisor recently moved to WPI. The petition requires CGSR approval because the petitioner already completed the majority of their degree at another institution.
 - b. The committee requested more information on why the petitioner is not completing their degree at their previous institution, and invited the department head of the advisor's current department at WPI to join the next CGSR meeting to address this request.
5. Voting item: the committee reviewed and approved a motion from the ECE department to revise the catalog description for the course ECE 503.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scarlet Shell
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Secretary