

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #10 on 11/30/2017

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 10th meeting during AY 2017-18 on November 30 (Thursday) in Anderson Labs A

Present: Terri Camesano (Dean of Graduate Studies), Suzanne Scarlata (CBC), Michael Timko (ChE), Karen Troy (BME), Bogdan Vernescu (Vice Provost for Research), Adrienne Weishaar (graduate student, CEE), Amy Zeng (Business)

Guests: Sarah Miles (Registrar), Kristin McAdams (Academic Program)

Absent: Gregory Fischer (RBE), Reeta Rao (BBT)

Professor K. Troy called the meeting to order at 11:02 am.

1. **Administrative:** Meeting minutes from the last meeting were approved with revisions.
2. **Oversight for Graduate Students:** S. Scarlata led a discussion about how much oversight should be required for graduate students. For example, should a Grad Studies coordinator have to approve course enrollment, or could that person be empowered to prevent a student from enrolling if that student has not met milestones required by the department (such as passing the Qualifying Exam by a certain time)? Other concerns were raised about whether Directed Research should require the advising faculty member to sign off before a student can enroll. Some draft text will be prepared for next meeting.
3. **Academic Standing Policy:** Suggestions to look at term grades rather than cumulative grades. Looked at current policy to understand how Grad standings are currently conducted. Concern is students aren't able to recover from academic standing. Current proposal evaluates student overall GPA one semester following being put on an academic standing. If evaluated by semester GPA, students may have better chance to improve rather than looking at overall GPA. However, their cumulative GPA may still not allow them to graduate. The Academic Policy might impact some departments more than others. Will reach out to those departments and faculty to invite to next meeting to further discuss the policy.
4. **Research Development Council Proposal:** Ongoing discussion in FAP with this being the final motion before going to the faculty. This committee will cover issues concerning who covers cost to repair equipment and cost sharing. A lot of overlap between Research Development Council and CGSR. Proposal was shared with CGSR. Thoughts and comments should be sent to Karen Troy to be passed along.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
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