

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #13 on 12/08/2016

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 6th meeting in B-term 2016 on December 8, 2016 (Thursday) in Gordon Library Conference Room 303.

Present: M. Demetriou (Chair), K. Burnett (GS), R. Rao, A. Zeng, B. Vernescu (Vice Provost for Research)

Absent: K. Troy (off-campus project advising), A. Deskins (off-campus project advising), S. Scarlata, T. Camesano (Dean of Graduate Studies)

Guests: S. Miles (Registrar), K. McAdams (Academic Program), R. Swarz (Professor of Practice in Systems Engineering), and G. Salazar (Professor in Civil and Environmental Engineering)

Professor M. Demetriou called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM

1. Minutes of 12/1/2016 was approved after a few minor edits.
2. The Committee discussed and approved the motion to change the distribution requirements specified as part of the Ph.D. program of study in Systems Engineering on the condition of two edits: (1) replace “minor” by “distribution requirement”, and (2) revise the wording of the implementation date.
3. The Committee discussed the motion from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering to re-establish the graduate certificate program in Construction Project Management (CPM). As such a certificate program first appeared in AY2005-2006 catalog as a specialization and never got dropped from the system, the Committee recommended replacing “re-establish” to “add the distribution requirements to”. Additionally, the Committee suggested removing the words, “and no more than 18 credit hours”, in the description of Plan of Study. Finally, the Committee requested adding an Implementation Date to the motion. With these revisions, the Committee approved the motion.
4. The Committee continued the discussion of the motion to broaden graduate course grading by adding +/- in graduate courses. K. Burnett (Graduate Student rep) shared the results of her survey of selected graduate students. It was agreed that faculty’s feedback should be solicited and that the people involved in initial discussion of this grading policy should be invited to the Committee meeting. M. Demetriou will invite K. Wobbe and J. Fehribach to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Zeng, CGSR secretary (B16)