

## Minutes of CGSR Meeting #15 on 01/17/2017

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in C-term 2017 on January 17, 2017 (Tuesday) in Gordon Library Conference Room 303.

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

Absent: T. Camesano (Dean of Graduate Studies)

Guests: Marsha Rolle (BME)

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Professor Karen Troy (Chair) called the meeting to order at 3:05PM

1. The correct version of the minutes of 12/15/2016 will be circulated for approval electronically.
2. The Committee reviewed the motion from Biomedical Engineering to allow a student accepted into a master's or doctoral program to apply to a certificate program such as those offered through the Foisie Business School, and associated policies and requirements. A number of procedural issues were raised and the Committee also believed that the motion could benefit all graduate programs. Professor K. Troy will make necessary changes to the original motion and bring back the revised version for the Committee to review at a future meeting.
3. The Committee reviewed and discussed the motion from Computer Science to update the breadth requirements for the M.S. degree. Since the motion requires a great deal of clarification, Professor K. Troy will invite a CS representative to a future meeting to provide more information and answer questions.
4. Professor K. Troy shared a summary of her discussions with several faculty members at the Assistant Professor level regarding the need for seed grants for untenured WPI faculty. VPR Bogdan provided some insightful background information and mentioned that Research Council still exists but has no budget, and along with the newly established Research Solution Institute, he has put in a budget request for next school year in hope to support the five research areas described in the strategic plan.
5. Since the Committee's weekly meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup> conflicts with the University faculty meeting, that meeting was tentatively moved to the same time on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Zeng, CGSR secretary (C17)