

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #24 on 04/4/2017

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 4th meeting in D-term 2017 on April 4th (Thursday) in Kavin Hall, 204.

Present: A. Weishnar, M. Demetriou, Karen Troy, A.Deskins, B. Vernescu (Vice Provost for Research), R. Rao, A. Zeng

Guests: D. Medich (Physics), S. Miles (Registrar), M. McGrade (Graduate Admissions)

Professor K. Troy called the meeting to order at 3:01PM

- The committee welcomed the new graduate student representative, Adrienne Weishaar.
- The committee discussed and approved last meeting's minutes.
- Dave Medich of the Physics department was present to discuss the petitions from two graduate students to receive approval to pursue Ph.D. degrees in Medical Health Physics. The committee discussed how this request may fit with a potential future medical health physics program at WPI. The requests were voted and approved.
- The committee voted and approved the motion from the Business school to add a course as part of the new supply chain management degree.
- The previously approved proposal to revise the graduate catalog description of financial assistance was briefly discussed. This proposal and others that affect all graduate students will be brought to the Faculty in the May meeting.
- A proposal to change the manufacturing engineering M.S. degree requirements, including adding a new capstone course, was discussed. The committee suggested several revisions.
- Graduate academic standards were discussed, especially the minimum GPA necessary to graduate. Some students are able to graduate while still having a GPA below the 3.0 required minimum. The discussion will be continued during the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Aaron Deskins