

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #7 on 10/26/2017

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 7th meeting during AY 2017-18 on October 26 (Thursday) in Salisbury Labs, 313

Present: Terri Camesano (Dean of Graduate Studies), Gregory Fischer (RBE), 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: Reeta Rao (BBT)

Professor K. Troy called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

1. **Administrative.** Meeting minutes from the last meeting were approved with minor corrections. Rory Flynn reached out to K. Troy as to whether CGSR would like to receive the Graduate Student Newsletter. All members were in favor.
2. **Research misconduct policy.** COG reported back that the Research Misconduct Policy proposed did not align with what was written in the Faculty Handbook and it did not comply with NIH. COG met to merge all versions and propose a revised policy. The main change is that there is only one designating officer. COG identified that with policy there is less control for the faculty and therefore added an appeal process. Susan addressed her concern that in past witness have lied in their testimonies with no repercussions and would like this policy to include statement for misconduct in testimony. K. Troy suggested that we take more time to review the policy and move the discussion to online. All final recommendations should be sent to Karen by Monday, October 30 at 9am.
3. **Indirect Costs.** CAP would like to discuss more strategic ways to help indirect costs be invested in research. Currently, departments and faculty "hoard" their IDC because they don't have any other cushion for when money is tight and equipment breaks. Administration sees money "sitting there" and wonders why people ask for stuff. Other universities have different return models. There is not a most common way to handle this. More clear definitions about who pays for what (e.g. equipment upkeep, startup, etc) and the possibility of creating some competitive internal funding opportunities was discussed. CAP discussion will continue over the next few weeks, with Bogdan and Terri participating too. CGSR as a whole would like to see this money used to fulfill strategic plans and goals. Susan suggested setting aside money for Deans for their research initiatives for the departments they oversee. Agreed that 10% seemed rational with room to settle into a comfortable percentage. This 10% would be divided proportionally to the amount of indirects going into the departments.
4. **Old Business.** Financial Section of Grad Catalog was not voted on at faculty meeting. Greg revised Co-op and internship section and Terri will look over again with Karen.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
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