

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #13 on 1/28/2019

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 13th meeting of AY '18/'19 on January 28, 2019 (Monday) in FI 207.

Present: S. Scarlata (Co-Chair), R. Rao (Co-Chair), S. Johnson, B. Choate (GS), M. Rolle, M. Timko

Absent: B. Vernescu (Vice Provost for Research), G. Fischer, T. Camesano (Dean of Graduate Studies)

Guests: Kristin McAdams (Academic Program), Michael McGrade (Dean of Graduate Admissions)

Professor Rao called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM

1. The minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting were approved.
2. New graduate courses in BME were discussed for including in the 2019/2020 AY graduate catalog, BME 535 and BME 593. CGSR approved both motions, pending a minor modification that students with prior credit for these courses under BME 595 could not take these courses again for credit.
3. BME submitted a petition to modify the credit hour distributions in their M.S. program, specifically to reduce the required number of credit hours in non-thesis BME courses from 15 to 12 and increase the number of credit hours in elective courses from 12 to 15 so that the total degree requirement as 30 credit hours. In addition, the petition requests that the M.S. thesis or project can satisfy meeting BME's competencies. After CGSR discussed the details of the degree audits and how to streamline the process, the petition was approved.
4. Previously in B term 2018/2019, CGSR approved a dual degree program in mechanical engineering and management. During implementation, the office of Graduate Admissions and the Registrar recognized that the new dual degree program violated WPI's rules on double counting. CGSR discussed the issue and how it might be addressed. CGSR agreed to continue the discussion next week.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Timko
CGSR secretary (C19)