

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #18 on 3/14/2019

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 18th meeting of AY '18/'19 on March, 14 2019 (Thursday) in FI 207.

Present: R. Rao (Co-Chair), S. Scarlata (Co-Chair), B. Choate (GS), M. Timko, T. Camesano (Dean of Graduate Studies), G. Fischer, M. Rolle, B. Vernescu (Vice Provost for Research), S. Johnson

Absent: none

Guests: Michael McGrade (Dean of Graduate Admissions), Sarah Miles (University Registrar), Stacy Chiaramonte (Continuing & Professional Education)

Professor Rao called the meeting to order at 11:57 AM

1. The minutes of the February, 11 2019 meeting were approved.
2. The minutes of the February 25, 2019 meeting were approved.
3. A petition by CHE for converting an experimental course to a regular course was reviewed. CGSR made several minor comments: 1) need course number from registrar, 2) number of credits (2 or 3), 3) core vs elective, 4) implementation date (AY 2019/2020 or 2020/2021), 5) recommended background courses.
4. Potential impacts on switching from Bannerweb to Workday were discussed. One challenge will be how to count credits for undergraduates enrolled in graduate courses. At present, undergraduates receive 150% of the credits listed for graduate classes. This may not be possible using Workday. One suggestion was that undergraduate students could receive the same number of credits as graduate students enrolled in a graduate class, but receive a better grade than the graduate students for the same work.
5. S. Chiaramonte (CPE) led a discussion to explore synergies between CPE and CGSR. CPE already offers several successful graduate programs. The purpose of discussion was to identify other opportunities. B. Vernescu suggested considering a new model to offer short-term courses in targeted areas that conform to student needs as they evolve. Opportunities for programs with capstone projects or GQPs were discussed as a means to leverage WPI's brand in project-based learning. A suggestion was made that relationships between departments/programs and CPE might be more effective if they were formalized in some way.

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Timko
CGSR secretary (C19)