

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #20 on 4/4/2019

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 20th meeting of AY '18/'19 on April, 4 2019 (Thursday) in FI 207.

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

Absent: M. Timko

Guests: Michael McGrade (Dean of Graduate Admissions), Kristen McAdams (Academic Programs)

Professor Rao called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM

1. The minutes of the March, 28 2019 meeting were approved.
2. Discussed Interdisciplinary Degree requirements as it stands now. ID must include faculty from at least 2 departments. And, at least one member of the committee must be from a department/program that awards graduate degrees. CGSR will review making updates to the associated Graduate Catalog language.
3. A petition for an individual Interdisciplinary MS Degree in Music Robotics was discussed. Suggestions were made to update the composition of the faculty committee before approving.
4. A petition for an individual Interdisciplinary MS Degree in Nuclear Science and Engineering (NSE) was approved.
5. CGSR discussed a motion for updating Graduate Catalog language related to double counting credits. Proposed language to clarify the existing double counting rules: "A maximum of one-third of the credit requirements from one master's degree, either completed or in progress, at WPI may be used in partial fulfillment of the requirements for another master's degree at WPI. No credit may be triple counted for any degree." Additional details were also suggested to add to the Graduate Catalog to clarify how this applies. The committee also discussed what should be the most appropriate policy. And, the committee discussed distinguishing and clarifying "joint" vs "dual" degrees. There were some concerns expressed about implications for the attractiveness of dual degrees that should be considered. Discussion will continue.
6. VPR reported that tuition on grants will be charged to grants at 40% for next year.

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory Fischer
CGSR Interim-Secretary (C19)