

### Minutes of CGSR Meeting #3 on 10/1/2018

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of AY '18/'19 on October 1, 2018 (Monday) in Gateway Park I room GP 4104.

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

Absent: S. Miles (Registrar), M. McGrade (Graduate Admission), K. McAdams (Academic Program).

Guests: Wole Soboyejo, Provost *ad interim*

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Professor Scarlata called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM

1. The minutes of the September 24, 2018 meeting were approved.
2. Prof. Scarlata updated the committee on plans for a proposed graduate program in Neuroscience. We anticipate that the motion will be submitted to CGSR within the next week or two.
3. A petition for an Individual Master's program in Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering was reviewed and approved.
4. Provost Soboyejo joined the meeting and presented a vision for creating cross-cutting research institutes at WPI that connect across disciplines and have impact in education and research that are greater than the sum of the parts. Potential value and models for institute structures were discussed. As a next step, CGSR will develop a white paper on institute opportunities as a starting point for soliciting faculty feedback.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Rolle  
CGSR secretary (A18)