

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #9 on 11/27/2018

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 9th meeting of AY '18/'19 on November 27, 2018 (Monday) in Salisbury Labs room 305.

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

Absent: M. Timko

Guests: T. Dominko (Secretary of the Faculty), M. McGrade (Graduate Admissions)

Professor Scarlata called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

1. The minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting were approved.
2. Prof. Scarlata provided updates on action items:
 - a. Membership for the subcommittee to increase the number of graduate student applications was finalized. Graduate student retention rates should also be assessed to determine why students leave WPI (M. McGrade). This information is valuable for understanding trends/factors for growing and retaining a strong graduate student population at WPI.
 - b. Establishing an employee profile for visiting students/scholars. S. Miles is in Workday training this week and will report on this issue in a future meeting.
 - c. Brief follow up discussion of templates for interdisciplinary graduate programs. Template documents were circulated to the committee by email for review. Discussion was deferred to a future meeting.
3. Prof. Dominko presented a Faculty Governance motion for consideration by CGSR, and provided an update on meetings between Faculty Governance and the Board of Trustees regarding timeline and structure of discussions on the pending Bylaws revisions.
4. A motion from the Foisie School of Business to revise the Financial Technology Certificate program (adding two course options for fulfilling degree requirements) was briefly discussed. A vote was taken by email after the meeting adjourned. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Rolle
CGSR secretary (B18)