Minutes of CGSR Meeting #23 on 4/9/2018

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) its 23rd meeting of AY ‘17/’18 on April 9, 2018 (Monday) in Library Rm 303.

Present: K Troy (Chair), A. Weishaar (GS), R. Rao, K. McAdams (Academic Program), G. Fischer, T. Camesano (Dean of Graduate Studies), S. Scarlata, M. Timko, S. Miles (Registrar), B. Vernescu (Vice Provost for Research), A. Zeng

Absent: M. McGrade (Graduate Admission)

Guests: Bob Swarz (Systems Engineering), F. Miller (FBS), Jean King (Dean of A&S)

Professor Troy called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

1. Approved minutes from meeting #22 of 4/2/2018 with minor revisions.
2. Discussed motion on behalf of the Systems Engineering Program and the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department to modify the requirements for the MS in Systems Engineering degree.
   a. Goal is to update the core requirements and ensure students take at least 8 courses before Capstone Experience.
   b. CGSR suggested clarifications to the formatting.
   c. CGSR voted to approve pending the suggested changes.
3. Discussed identifying the CGSR appointee to the new Research Development Council.
   a. CGSR will reach out to the identified potential appointees to gauge their interest.
4. Discussed an updated version of the Proposed Revision of the Curriculum of the Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree.
   a. The updated revision now clearly identifies new courses, dropped courses, and curriculum changes to degree requirements.
   b. CGSR voted to approve the motion for the revised MBA curriculum.
5. Discussed an updated motion on behalf of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry to edit the PhD Degree Requirements in Chemistry and Biochemistry in the University Graduate Handbook.
   a. Suggested changes by CGSR were made to the motion and made additional minor updates.
   b. CGSR voted to approve the motion to edit the degree requirements.
6. Discussed motion on behalf of the Department of Biology and Biotechnology, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Department of Computer Science, and Department of Social Science and Policy Studies to approve a new graduate program in Neuroscience.
   a. CGSR made suggestions to the motion including: ensure consistency of terminology, note history of courses already taught, clarify BS/MS expectations and approval process for double-counted courses, clarify MS thesis/internship expectations, requirements for professional development course, allowable electives, and name Director.
   b. Update proposed program subject code for Neuroscience to NEU (from NS) to avoid ambiguity.
7. Discussed motion on behalf of the Neuroscience Program and associated departments: Department of Biology and Biotechnology, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry,
Department of Computer Science, and Department of Social Science and Policy Studies to add new Neuroscience courses

a. Discussed motions for 5 new courses (Identified as NS501, NS502, NS503, NS504, NS505 in proposed motion, NS will be replaced with NEU).

b. Suggested minor changes of the text to the motions including clarifying who and which department/program the motions originate from. Also suggested clarifying history of each course in individual course motions.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory Fischer
CGSR secretary (D18)