

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #9 on 3/27/2023

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its **ninth meeting** of AY '22/'23 on **March 27, 2023 (Monday)** via Zoom.

Present: D. Medich (PH, Chair), Y. Telliel (HUA, Secretary), L. Fichera (RBE), R. Neamtu (CS), S. Olson (MA), T. Camesano (Dean of Graduate Studies), A. Wyglinski (Associate Dean of Graduate Studies), and B. Vernescu (Vice Provost of Research)

Guests: S. Miles (University Registrar) and M. Terrio (Executive Director of Graduate Recruitment and Admissions)

Professor D. Medich called the meeting to order at 11:00 am (US Eastern Time).

1. The minutes of meeting #8 (AY '22/'23) were reviewed and approved.
2. The committee continued to discuss the proposal for a new graduate program in Architecture (Master of Architecture) that was presented by Professor S. Van Dessel (CEAE) and Professor C. Eggleston (CEAE). In this discussion, several committee members highlighted that, as CGSR's primary focus is on academic matters related to any proposed graduate programs, the future resource needs (e.g., potential faculty hires) should not be included in the proposal that CGSR is planning to recommend for the WPI faculty's approval. A committee member noted that this is simply a reflection of CGSR's concern to act within the boundaries stipulated by its original mission. After the discussion, the committee members voiced their acknowledgement of the proposed program's academic value for WPI as a whole. After the removal of the part on the potential future resource needs, the committee will be ready to vote on the proposal.
3. Professor P. Shah (Business School)'s proposal for a new MS in FinTech (Financial Technology) program was discussed. The committee members acknowledged the value of the proposed program, but the proposal was unclear as to whom would be this program's main champion and supporter. Dean Camesano and Professor Medich will speak with the Business School Department Head with committee questions.
4. The committee discussed Professor E. Young (CHE)'s request for the recognition of a new graduate student to receive 57 PhD transfer credits from another university. As this is in excess of WPI graduate catalog limits (Sarah Miles also informed the committee that this would be the largest number of transfer credits that she has seen awarded to an incoming student), the committee expressed its uniform concern about this proposal. Professor Medich will reach out to the CHE Department Head to obtain further information before bringing this to a vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.