

## Minutes of CGSR Meeting #11 on 4/24/2023

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its **eleventh meeting** of AY '22/'23 on **April 24, 2023 (Monday)** via Zoom.

**Present:** D. Medich (PH, Chair), Y. Telliell (HuA, Secretary), L. Fichera (RBE), S. Olson (MA), A. Wyglinski (Associate Dean of Graduate Studies)

**Guests:** S. Miles (University Registrar), M. Terrio (Executive Director of Graduate Recruitment and Admissions), D. Strong (Business), P. Shah (Business), S. Roberts (CHE)

Professor D. Medich called the meeting to order at 11:04 am (US Eastern Time).

1. The minutes of meeting #10 (AY '22/'23) were reviewed and approved with minor edits.
2. Professor Strong and Professor Shah addressed the committee's questions related to the composition of the Fintech MS program leadership and the kind of statistical training that students would need to succeed in this program. Professor Strong and Shah explained how the program will assess the level of preparedness for advanced math courses, given that as an interdisciplinary degree it could potentially bring students with various backgrounds. In addition, they responded to the committee's questions about the programming languages that will be used in the Fintech program and the program's potential connection to the ongoing research and graduate training related to hardware acceleration. They also clarified their plans for degree tracking as well as for aligning already-existing coursework (offered by the Business School and the departments such as CS, DS, MA, and ECE) with new offerings. Sarah Miles will work with Professors Strong and Shah, and help with the administrative steps involved in introducing the new degree and courses to Workday and other platforms.
3. The committee approved Professors Strong and Shah's proposal to introduce the Fintech MS program.
4. Professor Roberts joined the meeting to provide additional information regarding the CHE request to transfer credits beyond the conventional amount. The committee members expressed their willingness to consider this request, but they added that they are generally concerned about possible implications of this decision constituting a precedent. The committee will examine similar CGSR decisions from previous years, and work on articulating a general framework that can guide decisions such as this one.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:59 am