Minutes of CGSR Meeting #1

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its first meeting of AY 23/24 on August 24, 2023 (Thursday) at 2 pm ET via Zoom.

Present: Sarah Olson (MA, Chair), Purvi Shah (BUS, Secretary), Luis Vidalii (BIO), Dave Medich (PH), Rodica Neamtu (CS), Bogdan Vernescu (Vice Provost for Research)

Guests: Sarah Miles (University Registrar), Melissa Terrio (Executive director of Graduate Recruitment and Admissions), Alex Wyglinski (Associate Dean of Graduate Studies)

Prof. Olson called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm (US Eastern Time).

▪ The committee elected Purvi Shah as the CGSR Secretary for Fall 2023.
▪ Melissa Terrio volunteered to serve as a CGSR representative on the Campus Wellness Coalition (if staff appointees are allowed).
▪ The committee reviewed the draft of the 2022-23 Annual Report and made some amendments.
▪ The committee reviewed the minutes of the 5/1/2023 meeting #12 and approved them.
▪ CGSR Appointee to Research Development Council: Dave Medich (PH, CGSR)
▪ CGSR Appointee to Conflict Management Committee: Frank Zou (MA, DS)
▪ The committee continued its discussion of the interdisciplinary proposal for an MS program in Global Health. Updated documents were submitted for review prior to the meeting, which included additional details requested by CGSR last May. The following points were further discussed:
  o Involvement of and approval from other departments/programs whose courses are listed in the different pathways
  o Concentrations don’t go on the diploma, but they are reflected in transcripts. Pathways are not viewable on diploma or transcript.
  o STEM eligible CIP code.
  o Resources:
    ▪ Cost revenue estimates
    ▪ Marketing support
  o A detailed plan for GQP in each different pathway.
  o Success parameters of a program in general
  o Career opportunities for students in this program

The committee decided to send a set of questions to address by email to Prof. Karen Oates and invite her and additional Global Health representatives to a future meeting to discuss this proposal further.

▪ General Discussion on New Programs: A template for “Resources” section in the CGSR motion could be helpful. This will help different departments to provide all the information CGSR needs for decision making. These include KPIs or key performance indicators, costs, estimated revenues, scale, enrolment numbers, and so on.
▪ The committee reviewed the conflict of interest policy changes.
  o Changes were in the Disclosure section, Review section, Conflict Management Committee section, and Human Subject Protocols section.
  o These updates do not change the intent of the policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.