Minutes of CGSR Meeting #6 on 10/05/2023

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its sixth meeting of AY 23/24 on October 05, 2023 (Thursday) at 2 pm ET via Zoom.

Present: Sarah Olson (MA, Chair), Purvi Shah (BUS, Secretary), Luis Vidali (BIO)

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

Prof. Olson called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm (US Eastern Time).

- The committee could not review and vote on the minutes of the 09/28/2023 meeting # 5 due to lack of quorum.
- The committee discussed the STEM MBA program.
  - Difference between Online MBA and STEM MBA and MSBA was discussed
  - A separate motion for the new capstone course is required
- The committee reviewed and discussed three individual PhD plans.
  - What are individual or interdisciplinary PhD plans?
  - How does the administrative process for this work?
  - The proposal should be detailed so that it can be used for future reference in different situations.
  - International students should be made aware that Interdisciplinary programs are not STEM designated and therefore they may not get extended OPT.
  - First proposal: Program in Digital Development
  - Second proposal: Sustainable Development Engineering
    - Two students are doing the same PhD
    - CGSR wants to see two separate proposals (one for each student)
- The committee discussed and reviewed three ECE course motions.
  - Overlaps with other courses offered by other programs.
  - Offered earlier as special topics courses
- The committee reviewed the Aerospace Ph.D. program course motions briefly.
- The committee discussed the scheduling of weekly CGSR meetings for B-Term 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:54 pm.