

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #7 on 10/12/2023

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its **seventh meeting** of AY 23/24 on **October 12, 2023 (Thursday)** at 2 pm ET via Zoom.

Present: Sarah Olson (MA, Chair), Purvi Shah (BUS, Secretary), Luis Vidali (BIO), Dave Medich (PH), Yunus Telliel (HUA), Rodica Neamtu (CS), Matthew Stone (student representative)

Guests: Sarah Miles (University Registrar), Melissa Terrio (Grad Recruitment and Admissions), Alex Wyglinski (Associate Dean of Graduate Studies), Robert Krueger (Social Science and Policy Studies), Mike Timko (Chemical Engineering), Gbetonmasse Somasse (Social Science and Policy Studies)

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

- The committee welcomed CGSR's student representative - Matt Stone.
- The committee reviewed and voted on the minutes of the 09/28/2023 meeting # 5 and 10/05/2023 meeting # 6.
- The committee discussed and voted on the STEM MBA program and BUS 594 course launch motions.
 - The committee approved (with a friendly amendment) both motions to (1) launch the STEM MBA program and (2) add BUS 594 Capstone course.
- The committee reviewed three individual PhD plans. The following items were discussed:
 - Robert Krueger and his SSPS colleagues were invited.
 - All three student proposals were reviewed and discussed.
 - The CIP code for this program does not have STEM designation. One international student's OPT extension could be impacted by this.
 - Course credits were discussed - 30 credits have to be research credits.
 - The interdisciplinary nature of the program was explained.
 - Create separate proposals for each student.
 - The meaning of interdisciplinary in this context was discussed.
 - Need for a more detailed policy for interdisciplinary PhD programs.
 - Qualifying exam - What courses will be covered?
 - How was the curriculum (course mix) designed?
 - Other avenues of conducting the proposed research.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm.