

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #9 on 11/2/2023

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its **ninth meeting** of AY 23/24 on **November 2, 2023 (Thursday)** at 3 pm ET via Zoom and in person.

Present: Sarah Olson (MA, Chair), Yunus Telliel (HUA), Dave Medich (PH), Rodica Neamtu (CS), Luis Vidali (BBT), Bogdan Vernescu (VPR)

Guests: Alex Wyglinski (Associate Dean of Graduate Studies), Sarah Miles (University Registrar), Melissa Terrio (Executive Director of Graduate Recruitment and Admissions), Elke Rundensteiner (CS/DS)

Prof. Olson called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm (US Eastern Time).

1. The committee reviewed and approved minutes from meeting #7 on 10/12/2023.
2. The committee discussed the proposals of three individual PhD plans and requested minor updates to the proposals - the proposals were conditionally approved pending additional information.
3. Elke Rundensteiner joined and presented a motion for a new MS Program in AI
 - a. The degree has Preparatory Courses (6 credits), Core Courses (at least 15 credits), Electives (at most 6 credits not in AI), Capstone (GQP or Thesis option)
 - b. Electives offers different areas of specialization (e.g. Business, Digital Health, Security, Mathematical Foundations, Game Development, Material Science)
 - c. The core bin does include intro to AI as well as an Ethics & AI course. Then there are different bins of courses related to machine learning, knowledge representation & reasoning, and Interaction & Action.
 - d. Motion has a MS degree, BS/MS Degree, and Certificates
 - e. STEM eligible CIP code
4. Alex Wyglinski presented on the Experiential PhD
 - a. This is not a PhD program, but a framework that defines and provides logistical support of an Experiential PhD. Students still apply to the program and fulfill all degree requirements. These students are generally full-time employees working in industry.
 - b. Framework helps define roles and responsibilities, including IP, funding, publications, where work will be performed, overlap of projects at industry partner, and contractual processes.
 - c. Experiential Student logistics could include coordination between Advancement, OTC, Bursar, Graduate Studies, OCE, Relevant Department/Program, and others

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.