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.