

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #23 on 03/21/2024

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its **twenty-three meeting** of AY 23/24 on March 21, 2024 (Thursday) at 3 pm ET via Zoom and in person.

Present: Sarah Olson (MA, Chair), David Medich (Physics), Luis Vidali (BBT, Secretary D term), Purvi Shah (BUS), Yunus Teliel (ISGD) Rodica Neamtu (CS)

Guests: Sarah Miles (Registrar), Diane Strong (BUS), Rob Sarnie (BUS), Kathy Chen (Executive Director, STEM Education), Mia Dubosarsky (STEM Education)

Prof. Olson called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm (US Eastern Time).

1. The committee reviewed and discussed the new format for the academic calendar prepared by the Registrar. The calendar introduces a new format, emphasizing the months. The calendar is also color-coded and indicates the Spring and Fall semesters, which is important for graduate courses. The PDF is all on one page, including important dates. The Registrar also mentioned that the final PDF file will include a QR code that directs to the website, providing additional information. It was also mentioned that the wellness day of B term next year may coincide with election day.

2. The committee discussed an issue with the number assigned to BUS Teaching Practicum that previously existed and will most likely be updated from BUS 697 to BUS 692.

3. Prof. Strong and Prof. Sarnie from the Business School presented and discussed the motion to update the title for MIS 581 to include the term Artificial Intelligence. Prof. Sarnie, who teaches the course, explained that information technology executives and managers are being asked about strategies concerning artificial intelligence, and this course is now updated to address this, and the title change will increase the course's visibility. The committee suggested a more precise description of the separation of general IT policies and AI.

The motion for a Certificate in AI in Business was also discussed. It was clarified that the students are informed that the certificate is not a degree, but it can be a pathway to an MS degree with a specialty. The Registrar requested that the motion be separated into three separate motions.

4. Dr. Kathy Chen and Prof. Mia Dubosarsky from STEM Education presented a proposal for the MS in Integrated STEM education to the committee. This program is being developed to work with current educators from pre-K-12. In general, the committee supported the development of this program but had questions about the need for new resources and its interaction with other existing programs. The committee provided suggestions for future submission of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.