Minutes of CGSR Meeting #5 on 11/07/2019

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 5th meeting of AY ‘19/’20 on November 7, 2019 (Thursday) in the Peterson Room (Rubin Campus Center).

Present: G. Fischer (ME; Chair), M. Demetriou (ME), K. Gandomi (RBE, GS), S. Johnson (FSB), M. Rolle (BME; Secretary).

Guests: K. McAdams (Director, Academic Programs)

Prof. Fischer called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

1. The minutes of Meeting #4 were reviewed and approved.

2. Several catalog motions were reviewed and approved.

   a. Biology and Biotechnology
      i. Add BB 590. Integrative Experience in Biology and Biotechnology
      ii. BB 501. Seminar change to pass/fail grading option.


   c. Motion to change the name of the interdisciplinary degree program currently titled “Master of Science in Bioscience Administration” to “Master of Science in Bioscience Management”. Approved pending decision from program on scope and timing of the change.

   d. Policy clarifications on graduate internships.

3. A revised motion for a PhD program in Computational Media from IMGD was approved pending minor revision to add IMGD 699. Dissertation Research (or equivalent course).

4. A joint PhD program between UMass Medical School and WPI is under development. There is a web page and application portal for the program, and students are currently enrolled. The program was introduced at a CGSR meeting last academic year, but a motion has not yet been submitted for review by CGSR. Program representatives will be invited to a future CGSR meeting to present an update.

5. M. Demetriou will represent CGSR on the Conflict Management Committee and the review committee for the Trustees Award for Creative Scholarship.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Rolle
Secretary (Fall 2019)