

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #6 on 11/14/2019

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 6th meeting of AY '19/'20 on November 14, 2019 (Thursday) in the 50 Prescott Street (2nd floor, BETC Conference Room).

Present: G. Fischer (ME; Chair), M. Demetriou (ME), S. Johnson (FSB), M. Rolle (BME), H. Walker (CEE), T. Camesano (Dean of Graduate Studies)

Guests: D. Strong (FSB), M. McGrade (Dean of Graduate Enrollment Services), S. Miles (Registrar)

Prof. Fischer called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

1. The minutes of Meeting #5 were reviewed and approved.
2. Professors Johnson and Strong (Foisie School of Business) presented several motions focused on revisions to Master's programs to focus on Business Analytics. The proposed changes to courses and programs offered will update curricula and respond to industry and market needs for students/employees with skills in data analytics. Profs. Johnson and Strong presented a comprehensive plan with supporting information. The following motions were reviewed and approved:
 - a. Motion to remove MIS 578. Telecommunications Management
 - b. Motion to add BUS 502. Data Management for Analytics
 - c. Motion to add MIS 587. Business Applications in Machine Learning
 - d. Motion to add BUS 596. Master of Science Project was approved with minor clarifications.
 - e. Motion to make minor revisions to course titles and/or descriptions to several existing business courses.
 - f. Motion to revise and update existing Master of Science degree in Information Technology.
 - g. Motion to create a new Master of Science degree in Business Analytics.
3. The committee briefly discussed the role of CGSR in institutional strategy to grow Master's program enrollment and offer more programs online, and anticipation of future CGSR motions for programs and policies. Provost Soboyejo will be invited to a future meeting to discuss plans for graduate studies institutional strategy.
4. A motion for cross-listing an ECE special topics course: ECE 579B. Blockchains and Cryptocurrencies with CS was discussed. Mechanisms for granting credit to CS students taking the course were discussed, including proposing a permanent course number in both departments to enable cross-listing. The motion was tabled pending additional information. (Liaison: G. Fischer)
5. A motion to add new courses in Systems Dynamics was discussed. A vote was tabled pending additional information about rationale and demand for these courses. (Liaison: T. Camesano).

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Rolle
Secretary (Fall 2019)