

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #6 on 11/9/2020

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 6th meeting of AY '20/'21 on November 9th, 2020 (Monday) via Zoom.

Present: M. Demetriou (ME), L. Fichera (RBE), K. Gandomi (RBE), S. Johnson (FBS), D. Korkin (CS), M. Rolle (BME), S. Shell (BCB), B. Vernescu (Vice Provost Research),

Guests: K. McAdams (Director Academic Programs), S. Miles (Registrar), M. Terrio (Executive Director of Graduate Studies)

Prof. Rolle called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

1. The minutes of Meeting #5 were reviewed and approved.
2. Motion 21-007 - Re-Design of MBA Program
 - a. An updated proposal was discussed and approved.
3. Academic calendar for 2020-21 (K. McAdams, S. Miles)
 - a. Two draft calendars being considered for 2020-21 for discussion and feedback.
4. Administrative procedural updates (S. Miles)
 - a. The committee discussed moving September 1 graduation to August 31 (or 30 to match December 30 graduation date) in order to be allowed to count students graduating in the summer in a 4-year graduation rate (or 2-year, etc) for IPEDs reporting purposes. S. Miles will confer with CAP to determine if these changes require formal motions. No issues or impacts on students (eCDR deadlines, etc) with changing graduation dates.
 - b. Revision of the definition of full-time/part-time status (pg. 18 in the current catalog) based on the Plan of Study, which is problematic for the Registrar and International House because it: a) cannot be tracked or enforced, b) cannot be automated, c) cannot legitimately be reported to federal agencies. S. Miles will determine if a formal motion is required, and will propose additional revisions to the catalog re: defining full-time, half-time, etc. if needed to bring to the committee.
 - c. A revision to non-matriculated graduate student policies (S. Miles) was presented, which would revise the non-degree student credit limit to 6 credits. The motion was approved.
5. CGSR appointee to the Research Development Council (RDC) (B. Vernescu)
 - a. Prof. Korkin will serve as the CGSR appointee to the Research Development Council (RDC) for a 3 year term beginning AY 20/21.
6. Disclosure of international research collaborations, funding sources, and conflicts of interest (B. Vernescu)

- a. VPR Vernescu presented new policies by federal funding agencies that will require faculty to disclose funding, collaborations, consulting, and other relationships with/from foreign countries. Additional policy details and instructions for faculty to include disclosures in their conflict of interest reporting are forthcoming.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary