

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #7 on 11/21/2019

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 7th meeting of AY '19/'20 on November 21, 2019 (Thursday) in the 50 Prescott Street (2nd floor, BETC Conference Room).

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

Guests: M. McGrade (Dean of Graduate Enrollment Services), K. McAdams (Director of Academic Program Planning), Steven Taylor (Interim Dean, FBS)

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

- The minutes of Meeting #6 were reviewed and approved.
- Steven Taylor (Dean, FBS) explained the rationale for Motion 20-021 from the FSB for a new Interdisciplinary MS Degree in Systems Engineering Leadership. Dean Taylor indicated the motion has the support of both the FSB and Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) department. The need for the approval of a new capstone course (ID-XXX. Engineering Leadership Project) was noted. The motion was reviewed and approved pending minor revisions. FSB will submit a companion motion to create the new capstone course.
- The committee discussed the Motion 20-006, to create a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree from the Interactive Media and Game Design (IMGD) program. The committee previously reviewed the motion and had questions about required resources, including the need for additional studio space. Additional information about current studio spaces was provided. The motion was approved as amended. M. Rolle (liaison) to follow up with IMGD.
- The committee discussed potential faculty appointees for the Credit Conversion Committee. The committee agreed someone from the Mechanical Engineering graduate program would be most appropriate, since their program may be most significantly impacted. M. Rolle will reach out to prospective committee members.
- The committee reviewed the Motion 20-020 to establish a specialization in Autonomous Vehicles within the RBE Certificate. The committee discussed the need for approving “specializations” within graduate certificates. Specializations do not appear on the transcript, and therefore do not require CGSR approval. The committee favored allowing departments to list specializations (and recommended courses to meet the specialization) under an umbrella certificate program. This will allow flexibility, and not require approval of individual specialized certificates. CGSR does not need to approve “specializations” within graduate certificates, unless they change the general requirements of the certificate. M. Rolle will follow up with the RBE Program.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Walker
Acting Secretary