

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #14 on 01/20/2016

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 1st meeting in C-term 2016 on January 20, 2016 (Wednesday) in Higgins Labs, Room 102.

- Present: M. Demetriou (Chair), A. Zeng (Secretary), S. Hudson (GS), C. Larsen, B. Vernescu (Vice Provost for Research), A. Rangwala, K. Troy, S. Flavin (ex-officio).
 - Absent: J. Arguello.
 - Guests: T. Camesano (Dean of Graduate Studies), T. El-Korchi (Head of CEE and FPE), H. Jackson (Registrar's Office)
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Professor Demetriou called the meeting to order at 11:05AM

1. The minutes of the meeting on 12/10/15 were approved without any revision.
2. Professor Rangwala was selected to represent CGSR to serve on the selection committee for Trustees' Award for Outstanding Teaching.
3. A petition for a graduate certificate in Fire Protection Engineering was reviewed again by Professor Camesano with more information provided by Professor El-Korchi. The petition was initially reviewed last September by CGSR and was denied. Additional communications with the student over past few weeks indicated that the student was not given accurate advice about his eligibility for a graduate certificate. As the student has completed enough graduate courses with acceptable GPA, the committee unanimously approved the petition this time.
4. A significant amount of time was spent on discussing CGSR's position on the COAP presentation of the Task Force on Academic Promotion, and the discussion was centered on the proposed COAP procedures and standards. It was agreed that Professors Larsen and Camesano will work together on a set of general feedback outside the meeting and that Professor Demetriou will then present the CGSR's general comments at the January Faculty meeting.
5. The proposed Ph.D. guiding principles were discussed again with emphasis on who should anchor the Ph.D. program at each department/discipline. Professor Larsen will make a few new changes of the current document and after it is presented again at the next CGSR meeting, Professor Demetriou will present it at a future Faculty meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Zeng, CGSR secretary (C16)