

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #2-9/9/2015

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 2st meeting of the 2015-16 academic year on September 9, 2015 in Higgins Labs, room 102.

Present: M. Demetriou (Chair), J. Argüello (A-term secretary), A. Zeng, S. Hudson (GS), B. Vernescu (Vice Provost for Research), S. Flavin (Ex-Officio).

Absent: C. Larsen, A. Rangwala, D. R. Brown.

Guests: Heather Jackson (Registrar), M. McGrade (Dir. Grad. Admissions), T. Camessano (Dean of Grad. Studies).

1. Professor Demetriou called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM
2. The minutes from CGSR Meeting#1-9/2/2015 were discussed, amended and approved.
3. The MFE/MTE/ME 5420 course addition was discussed. No concerns were brought up. Upon verification that the course numbers are not currently in use, approval of the request will be voted electronically.
5. Considering the full agenda for the next Faculty Meeting, the Registrar requested that CGSR consider approving the List of Degree Recipients for the October graduation. CGSR members agreed to electronically consider and vote the List of Degree Recipients.
6. The next steps in consideration of the Faculty Survey performed last year were discussed. Dean Camesano obtained the available data and distribute to Professors Demetriou, Argüello, and Vernescu. Dean Camesano will arrange a meeting of this subgroup during the following week.
7. The PhD guiding principles were discussed. There was consensus that these should take into account the students' needs, as well as, the high standards of research provided by the Faculty. It was emphasized that a significant issue is the availability of PhD level courses in many programs. There was consensus that CGSR should produce a document with these guiding principles for consideration by the Faculty. It was agreed that the following meeting (9/16/2015) should be mainly dedicated to producing these guidelines.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,

José Argüello, CGSR Secretary