

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #4-9/23/2015

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 4th meeting of the 2015-16 academic year on September 16, 2015 in the Morgan Room of the Rubin Center.

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

Absent: A. Rangwala, D. R. Brown, S. Flavin (Ex-Officio).

Guests: Heather Jackson (Registrar)

1. Professor Demetriou called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM
2. Minutes from CGSR Meeting#3-9/16/2015 were discussed and approved.
3. Professor Demetriou informed that the MFE/MTE/ME 5420 course addition was approved electronically.
4. A petition from a graduate student retroactively applying for a Graduate Certificate after being admitted to a graduate degree program was declined.
5. A petition from a graduate student requesting for an exception for late drop of a course due to extenuating circumstances was approved.
6. The development of Guiding Principles for PhD Programs was discussed. Professor Argüello provided a draft addressing four basic points; the general definition of a PhD program, the PhD programs from the point of view of the university (responsibilities and benefits), that of the Faculty (responsibilities and benefits) and that of the students (responsibilities and benefits). These points were discussed and it was agreed that Professors Zeng, Larsen and Argüello incorporate the comments and submit a new draft in time for the next Faculty meeting. It was agreed that the document should be voted upon within two weeks.
7. Professors Demetriou, Argüello, Dean Camesano and Vice Provost Vernescu informed that they have arranged to meet Provost Bursten to present the results of the Faculty Survey performed last year. Professor Demetriou presented an outline containing the main points emerging from the Survey. A refined version of this outline will be presented to the Provost.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,

José Argüello, CGSR Secretary