

Minutes of CGSR Meeting #5-9/30/2015

The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) held its 5th meeting of the 2015-16 academic year on September 30, 2015 in Higgins Labs, room 102.

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

Absent: A. Rangwala, 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#4-9/23/2015 were discussed and approved.
3. Professor Demetriou introduced professor Troy who is the new CGSR faculty member replacing Professor Brown.
4. Professors Larsen, Zeng and Troy were voted as the CGSR secretaries for B,C and D terms, respectively.
5. A motion from Aerospace Engineering to revise the Ph.D. degree procedures was discussed and approved.
6. A motion from IMGD to change their MS degree distribution requirements was discussed and approved.
7. The development of Guiding Principles for PhD Programs was discussed. Two draft versions of different lengths were presented by Professor Larsen, Zeng and Argüello. The pros and cons and the different purpose of each document were discussed. It was agreed that a second round of editing by the sub-committee was necessary.
8. Professor Argüello reported on the meeting that the CGSR subcommittee had with Provost Bursten regarding the Faculty Survey. The meeting was productive and Provost Bursten expressed his interest in having continuous communication with the Faculty.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,

José Argüello, CGSR Secretary