

APPROVED 11/07/11
Minutes of the Meeting of the University Committee on Graduate Studies (UCGS)
October 10, 2011, 3:00 pm, 113 Linton Hall

Participants: Karen Klomparens (TGS), Judith Vinson (CON), Michael Lawrence (Law), Greg Lang (CANR), Stan Griffis (BUS), Rich Spreng (BUS), Derek Polischuk (MUS), Debra Hardison (CAL), Liz Gardner (CANR), Robert Caldwell (CSS), Joe Walther (CAS), Peter Youngs (CoEd), Stefan Fletcher (COGS), David Argen (for Kris Renn) (CoEd), John Goddeeris (SSC), Jeremy Lauklaa (COM), Barbara Kitchell (CVM), D. Weliky (CNS)

Guests: T. Wehrwein + Louise Selanders (CON), Gail Riegle (COM), S. Printy (CoEd), Robert Floden (COE), Jeff Woodridge (Econ)

Attendance:

1. Approval of the Agenda **Approved**
2. Approval of September 12, 2011 Minutes. (Attachment) **Approved with correction under the COGS Representative report**
3. Remarks from the Chairperson. (Goddeeris)
 - *Rec'd Policy Change for Requirements for a Linked Bachelor's-Master's Degree ***Action Item as Friendly amendment to the current "Linked Policy". Friendly amendment was approved. See Attached document.**
 - MSU's revisions for the (computer) Acceptable Use Policy. **Informational. See attachments (Acceptable Use Policy for MSU Information Technology Resources and Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) for MSU Information Technology Resources FAQ). Any comments please forward to John Goddeeris at goddeeri@msu.edu**
 - Change of Name for Department of Epidemiology to the *Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics*. **Informational. Members of UCGS directed Chairperson Goddeeris to communicate with Provost Wilcox regarding UCGS's no objection of name change.**
 - Potential merger of Plant Pathology and Crop & Soil as one department in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. **Informational only. UCGS requested more information on rationale and more data for possible merger, should this proceed.**
4. Remarks from the Graduate School. (Klomparens) **Three handouts were distributed. See Attached. "Discussion Issues for UCGS and UCUS Turnitin (Tii) –will discuss in November UCGS meeting"; "Starter Issues for Graduate Faculty discussion"; and "Starter Issues for Tuition Waiver discussion"**
5. Remarks from the COGS Representative. **Stefan Fletcher shared ongoing collaboration with CIC graduate programs regarding (1) graduate student loans, (2) best-practices, and (3) joint service discounts. Also, shared how better to service graduate and professional students in the medical school are at distance-sites.**

6. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees and projects (Goddeeris & Klomparens) **Dr. Klomparens redistributed the sign-up form for UCGS members for below listed committees.**

Curriculum and Program Review Committee:

Academic Research Policy Subcommittee:

Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee:

7. *Request to change the requirements for the **Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (Professional Program in Osteopathic Medicine)** degree in the College of Osteopathic Medicine. **Approved**
8. *Request to establish a **Doctor of Nursing Practice** degree in **Nursing Practice** in the College of Nursing. **Approved**
9. *Request for a Moratorium on admission to the **Graduate Certificate in Educational Assessment for K-12 Practitioners.** **Approved**
10. *Request to establish a **Graduate Specialization in Economics of Education** in the College of Education. **Approved**
11. *Request to establish a **Doctor of Education** degree in **Educational Leadership** in the Department of Educational Administration. **Approved after lengthy discussion regarding (1) Capstone Course which is a group project. Discussion focused on grading, academic integrity monitoring, coordination, and faculty coaching. And, (2) 1/3rd of program is the Capstone Project**
12. “Starter” discussion on graduate faculty **See Attached.** Discussion centered around (1) how does this impact fixed-term faculty, (2) why is MSU addressing this issue, (3) NRC examination of guidance committees, (4) who are research-active faculty, and (5) national rankings.
13. “Starter” discussion on MSU’s tuition benefit **See Attached.** Please e-mail Dr. Klomparens for comments, at kklompar@msu.edu
14. Roundtable **No items came forward**
15. Adjournment.

*Denotes Action Items.