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Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee on Graduate Studies
November 4, 2013, 3:00 p.m., 113 Linton Hall

Participants: K Klomparens (TGS), L Goldstein (SSC), J Reed (Mus), S Spoelstra (CON), D Weliky (CNS), M Kingry (COM) for R Hallgren, R Taylor Scott (COM), S Lacy (CAS), Z Szendrei (ENT), A True (COGS), C Hogan (BUS), PS Mohankumar (CVM), B Fraser (COGS), G Li (TE), L Gardner (CANR), S Arch (CAL), S Fletcher (COGS)

Guests: Jim Pivarnik (RIO), Taylor Scott (Com), David Thorne (BLS), John Gerlach (BLS), Bill Hart-Davidson (WRAC), Malea Powell (WRAC)

1. Approval of agenda - **Approved**
2. Approval of October 7, 2013 Minutes (Attachment) - **Approved**
3. RIO Annual Report (Jim Pivarnik)
4. Remarks from the Chairperson (Gardner)
5. Remarks from the Dean of the Graduate School (Klomparens)
 - The Board of Trustees approved the budget to renovate Chittenden Hall to house the Graduate School. Renovation should be complete by August or September 2014.
6. Remarks from the COGS Representative (Fletcher)
 - COGS and the Graduate School will support a Professional Development Grant Program for spring 2014.
 - The City of East Lansing will seek information from COGS at the November meeting regarding how to develop the area at the corner of Grand River and Abbot to attract young professionals.
 - COGS is conducting a financial review of the Council of Medical Students.
 - COGS is working on helping find replacement housing for residents of Spartan Village.
7. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees

Curriculum and Program Review Committee

MOOCs

The subcommittee is working on policy that would allow MSU to develop best practices while not “reinventing the wheel” with transfer policies.

Joint Degrees

The subcommittee is working on first principles for setting up joint degrees. Programs at both institutions must be high quality and should have a research relationship. The subcommittee will look at other AAU institutions, but few have joint programs.

Academic Research Policy Subcommittee

21st Century Thesis/Dissertation

The subcommittee is discussing whether to relax formatting guidelines for thesis and dissertations, whether to require abstracts that can be understood by a non-academic audience, and whether MSU should allow students to put a hold on dissertations.

RIO Review

The RIO evaluation will occur in the spring. The subcommittee will provide the UCGS with a recommendation for action.

Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee

GSRR Revisions

The subcommittee is working on revisions for the Graduate Students Rights and Responsibilities document. The UCGS will discuss the changes at the December meeting. COGS and UCGS will need to approve revisions.

LSRR

A parallel document to the GSRR is being developed for the Law School. UCGS and COGS will need to approve the Law Student Rights and responsibility document, which should be discussed at the January meeting.

Compensation for RA's & TE's

UCGS provides a recommendation to the Provost about the 2013-2014 compensation for RA's and TE's. TA commendation is determined through union contract. The subcommittee will offer a recommendation for UCGS to act on during the spring.

8. *Request to change the requirements for the **Professional Program in Osteopathic Medicine** leading to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree in the College of Osteopathic Medicine. - **Approved**
9. *Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Science** degree in **Biomedical Laboratory Operations** in Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostic Program. - **Approved**
10. *Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Arts** degree in **Biomedical Laboratory Science** in the Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostics Program. - **Approved**
11. *Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Master of Arts** degree in **Critical Studies in Literacy and Pedagogy** in the College of Arts and Letters to the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures. - **Approved**
12. *Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Master of Arts** degree in **Digital Rhetoric and Professional Writing** in the College of Arts and Letters to the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures. - **Approved**
13. *Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Rhetoric and Writing** in the College of Arts and Letter in the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures. - **Approved**
14. *Request to change the requirements for the **Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior**

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Analysis in Special Education in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Special Education. - **Approved**

15. Roundtable

16. Adjournment

*Action Items