

Minutes of the Meeting of the University Committee on Graduate Studies

January 13, 2014, 113 Linton Hall, MSU

Participants: K Klomparens (TGS), S Spoelstra (CON), R Haque (CHM), J Carter-Johnson (COL), D Weliky, (CNS), E Strauss (CSS), G Zeldes (CAS), Z Szendrei (ENT), S Baek (Eng), A True (COGS), S Arch (CAL), R Hallgren (OM), E Bank (COGS), L Goldstein (CSS), S Ferguson-Miller (CNS), J Reed (MUS)

Guests: B Caldwell (Ombudsman), L Kempel (EGR), M Koochesfahni (EGR), M Heidemann (CNS), K Silk (CAS), G Vanderstoep (CANR), C Alsup (COL), D Barnhizer (COL), M Sedlak (COE)

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum present.
2. Approval of agenda – Approved.
3. Approval of the November 4, 2013 Minutes (Attachment) – Approved.
4. Remarks from the Chairperson (Goldstein for Gardner who is out of town):
  - a. Steve Lacey is unable to continue serving as Secretary, Sandra Spoelstra will replace him for spring 2014 semester – Approved.
  - b. Geri Zeldes replaces Steve Lacey on the committee.
5. Remarks from the Dean of the Graduate School (Klomparens):
  - a. Chittenden Hall renovation underway and Graduate School expects to move in November, 2014.
  - b. Several provost candidates will be on campus interviewing, will email link to dates and times.
6. Remarks from the COGS Representative (Fletcher) – unable to attend, Klomparens reported on his behalf. There were numerous graduate student applications for COGS scholarships for travel for professional development. Fletcher also want to support LSRR, which will be reviewed by COGS this week.
7. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees
  - Curriculum and Program Review Committee**
    - MOOCs-no report still meeting.
    - Joint Degrees-no report still meeting.
  - Academic Research Policy Subcommittee**
    - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Thesis/Dissertation Recommendations (attached) were reviewed and accepted as written. They will proceed on to the next level.
    - Review of the Academic Research Integrity Officer, Dr. James Pivarnik: -
      - Approved with recommendation to conduct the review every 5-years
  - Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee**

GSRR Revisions – open discussion on proposed changes; will be reviewed by COGS later this week and another draft will come back to this committee next month.

LSRR– Representatives of the Law School reviewed the draft, the process of how it was developed, and next steps. **It was approved.**

8. A request to establish a new academic department: Department of Biomedical Engineering **Request to establish new academic department: Department of Biomedical Engineering. Acting Dean presented.** – All voted in support of the new Department. Specific comments were sent to Dr. Youatt.
9. \*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Master of Arts** degree in **Advertising** in the Department of Advertising, Public Relations, and Retailing to the Department of Advertising and Public Relations. – Approved.
10. \*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Master of Arts** degree in **Public Relations** in the Department of Advertising, Public Relations, and Retailing to the Department of Advertising and Public Relations. – Approved.
11. \*Request to delete the curriculum and degree requirements for the **Master of Science** degree I **Physical Science –Interdepartmental** in the College of Natural Science. – Approved.
12. \*Request to delete the curriculum and degree requirements for the **Master of Science** degree I **Biological Science –Interdepartmental** in the College of Natural Science. – Approved.
13. \*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Master of Science** degree in **Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies** in the Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies to the Department of Community Sustainability. – Approved.
14. \*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies** in the Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies to the Department of Community Sustainability. – Approved.
15. \*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Master of Science** degree in **Sustainable Tourism and Protected Area Management** in the Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies to the Department of Community Sustainability. – Approved.
16. \*Request to change the administrative responsibility for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Sustainable Tourism and Protected Area Management** in the Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies to the Department of Community Sustainability. – Approved.

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17. \*Request to delete the curriculum and degree requirements for the **Master of Arts for Teachers** degree in **General Science** in the College of Natural Science. – Approved.
18. \*Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Arts** degree in **Health Professions Education** in the College of Education. – Approved.
19. Roundtable-no discussion.
20. Adjournment at 5:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra L. Spoelstra  
Secretary