

Minutes of the Meeting of the University Committee on Graduate Studies
September 8 2014, 113 Linton Hall, MSU

Participants: Karen Klomparens (TGS), David Weliky (CNS), Jonathon Reed (MUS), Dan Clark (COGS, CNS), Nan Hu (COGS, ENG), Emily Bank (COGS, Ed), David Stroupe (Ed), Chris Hogan (BUS), Liz Gardner (CANR), Zsofia Szendrei (CANR), Thomas Berding (AL), Safoi Babana-Hampton (AL), Jongeun Choi (ENG), P.S. Mohankumar (CVM), Daniel D. Barmhizer (LAW), Robert LaRose (COMM), Sandy Spoelstra (Ed), Eric Strauss (CSS), Sheila Ferguson-Miller (CNS), Guofang Li (Ed)

Guests: Deb Feltz (KIN), Richard Spreng (BUS), Michael Sedlak (Ed), Angelika Kraemer (AL)

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum present.
2. Approval of agenda – Approved by all without additions.
3. Approval of the April 7 10, 2014 Minutes (Attachment) – Approved by all as presented.
4. Remarks from the Chairperson (Strauss): Welcome and Introductions of old and new members. Sub-committee chairs and committee rosters were reviewed. A volunteer for UCGS voting member of University Council is requested, please consider.
*UCGC Procedures were reviewed verbally, and time for discussion; in particularly to assure that if someone cannot attend to find a substitute. Approved by assent of all present.
5. Remarks from the Dean of the Graduate School (Klomparens). Welcome back. Role of UCGS (By-Laws for Academic Governance) were discussed, and shared responsibilities. Modes of participation were reviewed for this committee. An update on Grad Assistant Health Care Changes was reviewed. UCGS Subcommittee projects for 2014-15 were reviewed. Judiciary committee needs were reviewed for the year. Expect to move across to the new site later this week, so the next meeting will be in the new building.

Dean Klomparens asked for advice on her current waiver process of being flexible on the 9 credit sharing limit for Master's programs for those programs that have many more than the minimum of 30 credits. No vote was taken, but the comments were favorable for Klomparens to continue her current waivers for those programs. No objections were raised.
6. Remarks from the COGS Representative (Bank). Had a very successful welcome back event, and had 400 attendees. One of the main agenda items is positive mental and physical well-being, and examining changes in health care and formation of a committee to look at the changes. 2/27/2015 is the Academic Conference.
7. Sub-committee Chairs/Officers Ballot (Vote) was reviewed. A motion and second to approve the ballot and all were approved. UCGS Subcommittee projects for 2014-15 were reviewed: University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees

Curriculum and Program Review Committee
Academic Research Policy Subcommittee

Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee

8. *Request to change the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Foreign Language Teaching: Motion to approve, and seconded. APPROVED
9. *Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Kinesiology on the Department of Kinesiology: flexibility in the program is desired to add statistical courses to the program. Motion to approve, and seconded. APPROVED
10. *Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Marketing Research in the Department of Marketing: several items are being modified; and an internship is formally added to the program. Motion to approve, and seconded. APPROVED
11. *Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Master of Arts for Degree in Health Professions Education: Motion to approve, and seconded. APPROVED
12. *Request to change the administrative responsibility for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Educational Policy in the College of Education to the Department of Educational Administration: Motion to approve, and seconded. APPROVED
13. Request for a New Dual Degree – Juris Doctor / Master of Arts Degree in Higher, Adult and Lifelong Education: withdrawn.
14. *Request for a Moratorium on Admission to Master of Arts Degree in Applied Spanish Linguistics: Motion to approve, and seconded. APPROVED
15. *Request to establish a Master of Arts degree in Spanish as a Second or Bilingual Language in the Department of Romance and Classical Studies: Motion to approve, and seconded. APPROVED
16. Roundtable: a request for more access to graduate courses across the university, as there is limited access in some departments.
17. Adjournment at 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Spoelstra