

Minutes of the Meeting of the University Committee on Graduate Studies
January 12, 2015, Chittenden Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room

Participants: Karen Klomparens (TGS), Lynne Goldstein (SSC-Anthro), Emily Bank (COGS/Ed), Liz Gardner (CANR), Ed Outslay (BUS), Chris Hogan (BUS), David Stroupe (Teacher Ed), Goufang Li (ED), Seungik Baek (COE, ME), Nan Hu (COGS), David Welik (CNS), S. Ferguson-Miller (CNS), Jeremy Francis (LAW), Dan Clark (COGS)

Guests: Dean Kirkpatrick (CNS), Dean Kempel (EGR), Asso Dean Swartz (CNS), Andrew Christlieb (MATH), Brian O'shea (PA, LBC), John Verboncoer, Matt McKeon and Lisa Schwartzman (Philosophy), Gwen Wittenbaum (Comm), Chris Hanna and Renee Rivard (HR – Health Insurance)

1. Agenda Approved
2. Minutes Nov 10, 2014 Approved
3. Eric – No Comments
4. Karen – 3 subcommittees have agenda topics, meetings will be set up
5. Emily – GAC Feb 27, 2014; 100 posters and presenters; Grad & GP appreciation week April 6-11; Next wed Jan 21, 2012 – 5:30
6. No reports from sub-committees
7. * Proposal for a New Academic Unit of Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering – **Proposal endorsed unanimously.**

Presentation by faculty

- a. Q – Space?
 - b. Q – faculty – some new hires, some faculty will move their appointments, many joint appts
 - c. Q – grad certification in progress now
 - d. Q – PhD prog will be developed next
 - e. Q – overlap with computer science – discussion is now on joint courses
 - f. Q – role for ICER? They do short courses, new dept is in collaboration where appropriate. Proposal might be stronger with a stronger tie to ICER
 - g. Q – Great idea – How will other MSU depts find out about this
 - h. Q – Workshops Marck 30-31 to focus on future of data science – national speakers
8. *Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Arts** degree in **French** in the Department of Romance and Classical Studies. **Approved**

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9. *Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the **Graduate Specialization in Ethics and Development** in the Department of Philosophy. **Approved**
10. *Request to change the requirements for a Linked **Bachelor of Arts Degree** in Communication and **Master of Arts Degree** in Communication in the Department of Communication. **Approved**
11. Renee Rivard and Chris Hanna from HR – health insurance office presented a summary on the national landscape of student health care with the passage of the Affordable Care Act (2 handouts)

Minutes taken by Klomparens for S. Spoelstra