

APPROVED APRIL 4, 2016

Minutes of Meeting of the University Committee on Graduate Studies

3/14/16

Participants: Tom Berding CAL, Jyotsna Singh CAL, Sasha Kravchenko CANR, Dee Jordan-Cogs, David Weliky CNS, Andres Contreras-CVM, Rick Hallgren-CASD, Jonathan Reed-MUS, Elizabeth Heilman EDU, Dan Barnhizer LAW, Lynne Goldstein CSS, Jeremy Francis-LAW, Tim Gates EGR, David Wong Edu, Elizabeth Gardner CANR, Kathy Dontje NUR, Sudha Sankar COGS, Shelagh Ferguson-Miller CNS, Dan Wangerin BUS, Judith Stoddart TGS

Guests: Lorenzo Santavicca, Dianne Wagner, Simone Charles, Cheri DeClercq, Elliot Spoon, Johannes Bauer, Jim Galligan, Casey Henley, Susan Selke, David Closs, Mark Wilson, Lisa Fine

Notes on Agenda items are summarized below

1. Agenda approved
2. Approval of Feb. 1, 2016 minutes
3. Remarks from Chairperson Goldstein
 - a. Terry Curry would like to come to UCGS meeting to discuss graduate school dean search, but due to scheduling conflicts requested a date after the last regularly scheduled UCGS meeting. After most committee members indicated they would be able to attend, the meeting was scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2 in 110 Chittenden Hall.
 - b. The Steering Committee sensed a lack of enthusiasm coming from various committees for the idea of a fall semester break.
4. Remarks from the Dean Stoddart:
 - a. The new Graduate School website should launch in April.
 - b. HR has worked with BCN to design an insurance plan that will be available to teaching assistants and will meet the new IRS guidance on graduate assistant health care subsidies under the ACA.
5. Remarks from COGS representative Sankar
 - a. The COGS workshop on inclusion for grad students will be held on 3/19. Flyers will be sent to UCGS committee members.
 - b. The COGS Advocacy and Leadership conference will be held on 3/25.
6. Subcommittee reports
 - a. Graduate instruction, employment, and mentoring

The subcommittee submitted its recommendation for RA and TE raises:

- i. Proposal to give a 2% raise for RAs and TEs
- ii. Recommendation to raise the minimum stipends for RAs and TEs to the same as TAs
- iii. Encouraged consideration of a separate tuition credit pool available for RAs and TEs

The recommendation was unanimously supported by the full committee.

7. The committee voted on the slate of 2016-17 officers, and the following slate was unanimously approved: Chris Hogan, Chair; David Weliky, Vice-chair; Jeremy Francis, secretary.
8. ASMU Proposal for Spartan Code of Honor. Lorenzo Santavicca
Santavicca explained why ASMSU decided to create a Spartan Code of Honor. It would serve in part as an educational tool for students to become more aware of existing policies, and it would encourage students to hold each other to higher standards of integrity. The Honor code will not establish new sanctions against students. Committee members had a vigorous discussion about whether the proposed honor code would encourage better adherence to and enforcement of existing policies. The discussion also emphasized that the goal of the proposed honor code was to create a cultural change in attitudes towards undergraduate education. This was a non-voting item for the UCGS committee.
9. Information item: the University accreditation report is being reviewed by the HLC committee and they will be visiting campus April 4-5. The link to the accreditation report will be distributed to committee members via email.
10. *Request to change the requirements for the Professional Program in Human Medicine leading to the Doctor of Medicine (M.D) degree. Approved
11. *Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Graduate Certificate in Public Health Administration. Approved
12. *Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Graduate Certificate in Public Health Informatics. Approved
13. *Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Graduate Certificate in International Public Health. Approved
14. *Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Graduate Certificate in Applied Parasitology and Public Health. Approved
15. *Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Graduate Certificate in Counterfeit Pharmaceuticals. Approved
16. *Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Research Trials Management. Approved
17. *Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Research Trials Management. Approved
18. * Request to change the requirements for the Juris Doctor degree in the Michigan State University College of Law. Approved

19. *Request to change the requirements for the Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Media and Information and Master of Arts Degree in Media and Information in the Department of Media and Information. Approved
20. *Request to establish a Graduate Certificate in Medical Neuroscience in the Program in Neuroscience. Approved
21. *Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Packaging in the School of Packaging. Approved
22. *Request to change the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Packaging in the School of Packaging. Approved
23. *Request to change the requirements for the Master of Science degree in Supply Chain Management in the Department of Supply Chain Management. Approved
24. *Request to change the requirements for the Master in Urban and Regional Planning degree in Urban and Regional Planning in the School of Planning, Design and Construction. Approved
25. *Request to change the requirements for the Graduate Specialization in Women's and Gender Studies in the Program in Women, Gender and Social Justice. Approved
26. Roundtable discussion – make sure numbered documents on D2L matches agenda
27. Adjourned