

APPROVED MARCH 12, 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the University Committee on  
Graduate Studies  
February 5, 2018 Chittenden Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Conference Room

Participants: S. Long (MUS), A. Contreras (CVM), K. Dontje (NUR), J. Francis (COL), A. Fuente (COGS), D. Hardison (CAL), C. Hogan (BUS), D. Landis (ANR), M. Morgan (CSS), A. Nair (BUS), A. Paganini (CHM), G. Roloff (ANR), T. Sharkey (CNS), M. Tai (COM), K. Tollefson (CNS), G. Wittenbaum (COM), D. Wong (ED), A. Yadav (ED), A. Binishi (COGS), T. Hampton (CNS), A. Nunez (GRAD)

Guest: Michael O'Rourke, Interim Director, Center for Interdisciplinarity

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda *Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*
2. Approval of January 8, 2018 Minutes *Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*
3. Remarks from the Chairperson (Hogan)

Chair informed committee that there would be a presentation regarding new Center for Interdisciplinarity at the conclusion of the meeting. Chair announced that there would be an emergency Faculty Senate meeting next Tuesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. Encouraged faculty to share concerns and thoughts with representatives from their respective colleges.

4. Remarks from the Dean of the Graduate School (Nunez)

No Comments

5. Remarks from the COGS Representative (Fuente)

Representative announced that the Council on Graduate Studies (COGS) is also in the process of a no confidence vote. Voting concludes Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and announcement of results will occur shortly thereafter. Announced Dialogue Series regarding diversity to be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> and encouraged faculty to promote among students.

6. University Committee on Graduate Studies Subcommittees

**Curriculum and Program Review Committee**

Reviewed agenda items 7 and 8 and recommended both items to be approved. The subcommittee is reviewing graduate programs that are falling below expected graduation trigger points and will bring suggestions to a future meeting. Committee is also considering policies and procedures for dual degrees (defined as a single diploma between

MSU and another domestic or international institution). MSU does not currently have a policy and therefore subcommittee is tasked with helping to establish one.

The subcommittee is also considering academic program language for linked programs. The subcommittee invites all committee members to offer commentary and suggestions. They will discuss the issue within the subcommittee and come to the next meeting with a proposal.

#### **Academic Research Policy Subcommittee**

No report

#### **Graduate Instruction, Employment, Mentoring Subcommittee**

No report

7. **\*\*Request to change the requirements for the *Doctor of Philosophy* degree in *Biostatistics* in the Department of Epidemiology and biostatistics. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried**
8. **\*\*Request for a Moratorium on Admission to the *Master of Science Degree in International Business*. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried**
9. **\*Request to establish a *Graduate Certificate in Digital Media* in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried**
10. **\*Request to establish a *Graduate Certificate in Media Analytics* in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried**
11. **\*Request to establish a *Graduate Certificate in Organizational Communication for Leadership* in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried**
12. **\*Request to change the requirements for the *Master of Arts* degree in *Strategic Communication* in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences. Motion to approve, seconded, and carried**
13. **\*Request to establish a *Linked Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting* and *Master of Science Degree in Accounting* in the Department of Accounting and Information Systems.  
  
*Motion to approve, seconded, and carried***
14. **\*Request to change the requirements for the *Master of Arts* degree in *Arts and Cultural Management* in the College of Arts and Letters.  
  
*Motion to approve, seconded, and carried***
15. **\*Request to change the requirements for the *Master of Science* degree in *Astrophysics and Astronomy* in the Department of physics and Astronomy.  
  
*Motion to approve, seconded, and carried***

16. \*Request to change the requirements for the **Doctor of Philosophy** degree in **Astrophysics and Astronomy** in the Department of physics and Astronomy.

*Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

17. \*Request to establish a Linked **Bachelor of Science in Construction Management and Master of Science Degree in Construction Management** in the Department of Planning, Design and Construction.

*Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

18. \*Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Science in Industrial Mathematics**.

*Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

19. \*Request to establish a **Graduate Certificate in K12 Computer Science Education** in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Special Education.

*Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

20. \*Request to change the requirements for the **Master of Public Health** degree in **Public Health** in the College of Human Medicine.

*Motion to approve, seconded, and carried with following amendment:*

Course credits should be 43 instead of 42 (p. 8). Credits for HM 893 Public Health Capstone should be three instead of two.

21. \*Request to establish a **Graduate Certificate in Teaching in Nursing** in the College of Nursing.

*Motion to approve, seconded, and carried*

22. Presentation by Dr. Michael O'Rourke, Director, MSU Center for Interdisciplinarity

Introduced new center and discussed a proposed fellowship program in which graduate students collaborate with community members on interdisciplinary projects.

23. Roundtable: No new items

24. Adjournment

Adjourned: 4:18

\*\* Being reviewed by the Curriculum and Program Subcommittee for a recommendation to the full committee.