GRADUATE PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting #6

Friday, February 21, 2014 EMS E371 - 11:30 a.m.

Present: Professors N. Abu-Zahra (Chair), C. Cheng, A. Dhingra (GFC Rep.), J. Li, Y. Li, A. Mafi, D. Yu, (ex officio), Betty Warras (Recording Secretary)
Excused: W. Otieno, N. Campbell-Kyureghyan

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m.

I. Announcements – Associate Dean Yu reviewed the MEng degree process and mentioned that currently S. Nichols is conducting a market survey.

II. Automatic Consent Business - Minutes from February 14, 2014 – Approved as written

III. Old Business – None

IV. New Business – with change in order approved

1. Course Action Request

   EE481 Electronic Materials New
   MAT481 Electronic Materials Change

   Motion/Second to approve (Abu-Zahra/Cheng) to approve. Discussion / Motion passed with minor correction (section IV. cross listing.)

2. Integrated BS-MS Credit increase – Associate Dean Yu proposed allowing an increase currently at six credits to nine credits; possible suggestion was to allow the (700) Ethics course for undergraduates since it will be a required course for the graduate program. Assoc. Dean Yu will discuss the option with VC Venugopalan and/or Graduate School and bring information back to GPSC at a future meeting.

3. Qualifying Exam Format Review, Uniform Grading Policy, GPSC Role with Regard to Results – Discussion covered the current inconsistencies; GPSC decisions with regard to QE Department recommendations; review of handouts and guidelines for each department. At the next GPSC meeting on March 14, 2014 members will bring suggestions, issues, and changes to QE for discussion.

V. Adjournment – 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Warras, Recording Secretary