GRADUATE PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting #2

Friday, September 23, 2016 EMS 715 - 10:00 a.m.

Present: Professors R. Amano, R. Cuzner, H. Lopez, E. Munson (ex officio), I. Suzuki, J. Zhao
N. Brown, B. Warras (Recording Secretary)
Excused: W. Otieno
Guest(s): N. Campbell-Kyureghyan (IND), M. Goyal (CS)

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am; Moved to EMS E379 at 10:10 am to allow CS Department use of conference room.

I. Announcements – H. Lopez mentioned he would be at a conference next Friday and asked for someone to replace him as acting chair. Professor Amano agreed – no one objected.

II. Automatic Consent Business – Minutes from September 9, 2016 – Approved as written

III. Old Business – QE Revisions (Assoc. Dean Munson)
Presentation followed by discussion – Topic was not resolved or voted upon; Assoc. Dean Munson will come back to the committee with an updated proposal.

IV. New Business –

A. MS/CS Professional Masters (M. Goyal) - Computer Science would like to establish this professional MS to attract and/or bring back MS/CS applicants who are not interested in the current option or may have been rejected from the current CS/MS. This program is all coursework; has optional approved courses outside the CS department; has no Capstone or Thesis; does not offer funding to these students; aims to prepare students for industry rather than academia.
Motion/Second (Zhao/Suzuki) to approve the Professional Masters in Computer Science – Motion Passed

B. QE Proctoring and other issues
Committee reviewed the suggestions and following discussion agreed to a list of suggestion to take back to the respective departments.
1. Room location may need to be changed
2. There should be less in/out traffic
3. Have “professional” proctor in the room both days
4. Use table tents to identify students by department
5. Faculty may need to be available in an adjoining room

C. GAAN Scholarship (N. Campbell-Kyureghyan)

D. QE Bioengineering track (N. Campbell-Kyureghyan)
Both C. and D. addressed concurrently with the following opinions/decisions/suggestions:

- Currently GAAN scholarship students who are Biomed students do not have a "clear" path to their Bio engineering Qualifying Examination
- Bio engineering "department like body" needs to create a QE for their area
- A future GPSC meeting may need to re-visit the decision regarding Bio engineering track and the resulting vote
- N. Campbell-Kyureghyan requests the meeting include representatives from each track be present
- E. Munson will take the concerns of both members and guests to the Dean and D. Misra; suggested Bio engineering may need to follow the QE example of the Civil department in developing the QE in the interim.
- Currently GAAN is only available to Medical Informatics PhD students
- Topic will be continued at a future meeting

V. Adjournment – 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Warras, Recording Secretary