

January 30, 2018

MEMO

To: GPSC Members

Fm: Betty Warras, Graduate Programs Office

Re: GPSC Meeting #6 2017 - 2018

The following is the Agenda for **GPSC Meeting #6 January 31, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. in EMS E371**

AGENDA

- I. Announcements – (include MAT QE update)
- II. Automatic Consent Business – Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2017
- III. Old Business –

A. "Initial" Advisor / "Research" Advisor –

From Computer Science department meeting: It was moved and seconded (McRoy/Hosseini):

> Whereas -

> The primary mission of a university is the education of students; and
> according to UWM Policies and Procedures, "the title 'Teaching Assistant' (TA) is used for graduate students enrolled in the University of Wisconsin System who are regularly assigned teaching and related responsibilities (other than manual or clerical responsibilities) under the supervision of a member of the faculty. (and) ... teaching assistants are counted as instructional staff"; and

> Whereas -

> Requiring a TA to also serve as a research assistant by maintaining a particular faculty member as his or her major advisor does not serve any direct educational goal (for either the TA or the students he or she helps teach); and

> Whereas -

> Linking the position of a TA to having a particular faculty advisor for his/her dissertation may lead to several negative consequences including: devaluing the importance of quality teaching, increasing the likelihood of personal conflict among faculty members competing for TAs to support their research, reducing the academic opportunities of graduate students to freely choose their advisor or research path, and making

it harder for the CEAS to recruit and retain the highest quality graduate students;

> Be it resolved -

> that Computer Science faculty propose that CEAS adopt a college-wide policy disallowing making teaching positions contingent on the student's maintaining a particular faculty member as their academic (e.g. dissertation) advisor.

> The motion was approved on a voice vote.

B. Bridge Funding – CS Department communicated their approval of the current procedure

IV. New Business –

A. Course Action Request

CS537 Introduction to Operating Systems Change

B. Propose expanding the limit of Topics courses from 9 credits to 12 or 15 credits
[Current language: Retakeable with change in topic to max of 9 cr.]

C. CEAS Graduate Seminar – Due to cross listing should it be listed in Major/Minor(?)

D. Confirm due date for Qualifying Exam results and GPSC QE review meeting

E. Graduate Program Website Update (Amano)

V. Adjournment