

Institute Graduate Curriculum Committee
Minutes
September 4, 2014

Present: Breedveld (ChBE), Cozzens (VP-Grad. Edu. & Fac. Aff.), Flowers (ARCH), Jagoda (AE), Jayaraman (MSE), Neitzel (ME), Pikowsky (REG), Wang (BME), Ayhan (ISYE), Ceccagnoli (CoB), Sluss (CoB)

Visitors: Bamburowski (Grad. Stud.), Girardot (Under. Edu.), Laros (REG), Winders (HTS)

Members for Academic Year 2014-2015

Ashuri, Baabak	[13-16]	CoA-Building Construction
Ayhan, Hayriye	[14-16]	ISyE
Breedveld, Victor*	[12-15]	ChBE
Ceccagnoli, Marco	[14-17]	Business
Chow, Edmond	[14-17]	CoC-CSE
Cozzens, Susan		Vice-Provost for Grad. Educ. & Faculty Affairs
Dickson, Rob	[12-17]	Chemistry & Biochemistry
Flowers, Benjamin **	[09-17]	Architecture
Foley, Jim	[12-15]	CoC-IC
Jagoda, Jeff	[12-15]	AE
Jayaraman, Sundaresan	[11-17]	MSE
Macrakis, Kristie	[13-17]	HTS
Neitzel, Paul	[10-16]	ME
Pikowsky, Reta †		Registrar
Ries, Christine	[13-16]	Economics
Schmidt-Krey, Ingeborg	[14-17]	Biology
Sluss, David	[13-15]	Business
Smith, Marilyn	[14-17]	AE
Wang, May	[14-17]	BME
Koh, Daegene	[14-15]	G Student
TBD #		Executive Board Liaison

*Committee Chair for 2014-2015

**Vice Chair

† Secretary

#Without Vote

U = Undergraduate

G = Graduate

[xx-yy] service period

19 Voting members/10 required for a quorum.

Administrative-Start-up Matters

1. A motion was made to elect Dr. Breedveld as Chair. The motion was seconded and approved.
2. A motion was made to elect Dr. Flowers as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and approved.
3. A motion was made to reaffirm the Registrar as the Secretary for the Committee. The motion was seconded and approved.
4. After some discussion and review of a Doodle poll, it was determined that the meeting time of 3:00 on Thursday will remain. It is not perfect, but serves the broader needs of the Committee and the campus.
5. The members of the Petitions Subcommittee are, as updated following the meeting:
 - Dr. Ries
 - Dr. Chow
 - Dr. Foley
 - Dr. Macrakis

The Registrar's Office will be in touch about procedures.

6. There was a discussion about the IUCC Study Abroad Subcommittee that includes a representative from the IGCC, Dr. Neitzel. The IUCC expressed concern that this Subcommittee, since it deals with graduate study abroad as well does not make sense as an "IUCC" Subcommittee. After some discussion, the Committee suggested that the Subcommittee be described as a "Joint Subcommittee of the IUCC and the IGCC." This information will be filtered back through the IUCC and the Study Abroad Office in OIE.
7. Reaffirm Registrar's delegated authority to act on certain kinds of petitions administratively assuming the major school supports the petition:
 - Return for the next term after withdrawing previous term
 - Register late for the current term
 - Cancel registration for current term
 - Make other registration adjustments, if circumstances warrant it
 - 6-year rule waiver
 - 7-year rule waiver
 - Change to full Graduate Standing

- Readmit after 1st drop

Note: The Registrar uses some discretion and if not comfortable with the petition, will pass on to the Subcommittee, even if the major school supports it.

8. Slate of issues to be discussed this year:
 - IUCC Study Abroad Subcommittee, actually handles graduate study abroad as well
 - Credentials (such as those for GTL partners)
 - Online courses and programs
9. Committee members were reminded to help spread the word to their schools about the requirement to submit proposals at least two weeks prior to the meeting date
10. Committee members were asked to note that in the absence of a quorum we will note that in the Minutes and call for a vote to approve the Minutes as well as the recommended actions of those in attendance.

Academic Matters

1. Dr. Steven Girardot, Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, updated the Committee on a proposal for a joint BS/JM (Juris Master's) between GT and Emory University. This is being brought to the Graduate Committee as an informational item only since it involves undergraduate degrees at Georgia Tech and the Juris Master's at Emory.

The motivation for this new program was described as:

“New interdisciplinary fields are emerging that span technology, science, policy, business, law, and the arts, and these interactions are reshaping how we both view the world, and define and solve problems” (GT Strategic Plan, p5)

“Georgia Tech’s vision calls for us to ‘be leaders in influencing major technological, social and policy decisions that address critical global challenges.’ Increasingly the role of technology in society depends on the interplay of law and technology. Thus for our graduates to play leading roles in society they will need to understand the ways in which technology creates opportunities as well as challenges for the law, and vice versa.” (Emory and GT Law Task Force, 2012)

The presentation included a timeline and background on the Juris Master's, which is a relatively new kind of degree in legal studies. The presentation included some details as to how the BS/JM program might operate. It also provided information on the admission process and the program schedule.

The Committee voiced no concerns about this proposal moving forward.

Student Petitions

1. A motion was made to table a written appeal of a request for a selective withdrawal. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Registrar will contact the instructor directly for more information on the student's performance in the course.

Adjourned,
Reta Pikowsky, Registrar