

Graduate Program Committee Meeting, 05 March 2021, 10:00-11:00am

In attendance: Mohamed, Juhua, Wei, Donald, Paulo, Chunming, Eyhab, Curtis, Ankur, Raj, Athirai, Wes

1- Approve minutes of last meeting: Feb 12, 2021 *moved Paulo, 2nd Donald: approved no objections

2- Updates on new student applications [Curtis]

- 20 PhD Apps to review
- MSCSS apps should be assigned during Spring break / Spring quarter
- Thesis/Capstone? should be priority over MSCSS apps

3- Update on PhD student support [Wes, Eyhab, Ankur and Mohamed]

- There is an email request process, the deadline to request funding is end of Spring quarter 2021. Please try to request funding earlier so that we can offer to students early

4- Online MSCSS degree and certificates in the future.[Mohamed]

- I-Tech Fellow workshops in Spring and Summer
- Required to teach online/remote/virtual courses after the Pandemic rules vanish
- Is a fully online MS degree a path to pursue? Similar to pushing for a PhD
- Or is a hybrid/partial online degree a better path to create?
- A survey will be distributed to faculty to determine interest in online courses

5- NSF proposals to support our PhD program/students Update [Wes/Eyhab??]

- Slides were presented by Eyhab
- Donald, Josh, Heather Dillon, Seung-Jin Lee, Mohamed, Ankur, Rachel Endo, Julia Aguirre are the leaders/experts on UWT campus in areas in CS Education
- Call for a meeting to faculty member who are interested in joining to have a discussion on how to proceed
- Deadlines are typically October to submit

6- Data Science Certificate Update [Juhua]

- Roger has signed MOU, Jill Purdy needs to sign MOU
- Website is being created with help from Joel
- Ankur will help create a video to use

7- New TCSS 578 Virtual Reality Course [Chunming]

- Syllabus was shared
- Motion from Paulo, 2nd from Wes: approved with no objection
- this topic included some off topic discussion about PhD students and the electives they are required to complete to satisfy their degree requirements. Mohamed mentioned that PhD students need to complete three electives that are part of a MS

concentration. We have several courses that are not part of a concentration. Will discuss in April

8- TCSS800 course (PhD dissertation) [Wes]

- Must have this course for the PhD
- A document that reads like a syllabus was shared in the meeting, and emailed to faculty the day before
- Grading Policy statement was discussed. The grading is C/NC for 800.
- Eyhab recommended to have more time for reviewing document
- Eyhab pointed out document needs to be reviewed more carefully particularly the "Grading Policies" section
- Mohamed suggest using "N" grades until the dissertation is complete
- Questions about including a Religious Accommodation statement
- Motion from Wes , 2nd from Paulo: Approved with no objection

9- Graduate committee meetings in Spring

- April 09
- May 07