

**GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 1, 2018  
BUILDING 1A, Room 308**

**Graduate Studies Committee:** John Sandler, Jianying Gu, Jonathan Peters, Chandan Acharya, Ming Tang, Edward Miller, Xiaowen Zhang, Margaret Berci, Eileen Donoghue, Susan Sullivan, Ruth Powers Silverberg, Vinay Vaishampayan, Katharine Goodland (Chair), Alfred Levine, John Dixon, Patricia Given, Wei Zhang, Christine Flynn Saulnier  
**Staff:** Susan Massara, Veronica DiMeglio, Sasha Spence  
**Ex-Officio:** Susan Holak, Kenneth Gold, Marcus Tye, Sarolta Takacs, Vivian Incera, Mel Pipe  
**Guest:** Nafees Alam  
**Excused:** Michael Anderson, Ananya Mukherjea, Kerry Falloon, Marcello Lucia, Alejandra Alonso, Li Ge, Sandra Hunt  
**Date:** October 1, 2018

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1. The agenda for October 1<sup>st</sup> was unanimously approved.
2. The approval of the minutes from the September 17th meeting was unanimously approved.
3. Proposal from the Department of Computer Science for:
  - a. Computer Science Double Counting Policy was moved by Jonathan Peters and seconded by Christine Flynn Saulnier. The policy was approved with two abstentions (Alfred Levine and Vinay Vaishampayan).
4. Graduate Studies Appeal Procedure: Katharine Goodland led the discussion on establishing a Graduate Studies Appeal Procedure and providing background on the current process. A handout was provided at the meeting. Revisions to the procedure were discussed and a revised version was emailed to Committee members. It was agreed on by the Committee, to use this procedure moving forward.
5. New Business: Edward Miller asked the Committee if there had been any precedent of two Master's programs collaborating and combining programs, and how this might happen administratively. Discussion followed about current certificate programs that are interdisciplinary.