

Graduate Faculty Meeting Minutes

Meramec/Gasconade Room- Havener Center

4:00 pm, May 4th, 2015

President Newkirk called the meeting to order at 4:10pm.

1. Approval of Minutes from December 8th, 2014 meeting
 - a. Motion to approve- Voted and Approved.
2. President's Report
 - a. President Newkirk gave an overview of the advances made in the past year (increased meeting attendance, increased visibility, new events, budget from the Provost's Office, etc.).
 - b. Noted that this will be his last meeting as Graduate Faculty president as he is stepping down after eight years in this capacity.
3. Officer Nominations for 2015-2016
 - a. Nominations as of today are as follows:
 - i. President:
 1. Steve Corns
 2. Paul Worsey
 3. Umit Koylu
 - ii. Secretary:
 1. Dan Oerther
 - iii. Parliamentarian:
 1. Open
 - b. Request for nominations closes today (5/4/15) by close of business.
 - c. Nomination for Nathan Weidner for Secretary was received.
4. Posthumous Degree: Malaka Thilakaratne
 - a. Motion to grant posthumous degree for Malaka Thilakaratne. Voted and Approved.
5. Commencement List Approval
 - a. Motion to approve list as is (no amendments were received). Voted and Approved.
6. Graduate Faculty Reappointment Review Update for SP15
 - a. Informational- New membership committee has been established and are meeting later this month to review the 20+ Graduate Faculty Reappointment and Associate Membership Nominations.
7. PhD Residency Wording
 - a. New wording as proposed by the Graduate Council:
"Residency at Missouri S&T is defined as sustained intellectual interactions among the student and the academic community. The candidate for a PhD degree

will normally complete three years of residency, which is the equivalent of completing six academic semesters while enrolled as an on-campus student at Missouri S&T. Students holding a master's degree are automatically credited with two semesters of residency.

Students unable to meet the residency requirement given above, such as distance students, can meet this requirement through an alternative route. In consultation with their advisor, the student can utilize other experiences towards meeting the residency requirements. Such experiences include regular contact with the student's advisor, committee members, and other graduate students, participation in a seminar series, etc. Other experiences that would count towards earning residency are listed in a supplemental document available from the Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Studies. It is the responsibility of the student's faculty advisor to document suitable residency experiences each semester."

- b. Motion to approve new wording for the graduate catalog.
 - c. 30 votes for, 3 votes against, 1 abstention. Motion passes.
8. Course Renumbering Corrections & Clarifications in the Graduate Catalog-forwarded to the Graduate Faculty for approval by the Graduate Council
 - a. One amendment: Under the "Non-Degree Status" section, change "...as long as they meet course prerequisite." to "...as long as they met **the** course prerequisite(s)."
 - b. Motion to approve with amendment. Voted and Approved.
 9. Updated Forms 1/1-A and Continuous Registration forwarded to the Graduate Faculty for approval by the Graduate Council
 - a. Motion to approve. Voted and Approved.
 10. Strategic Funding: PhD Recruitment & Retention Initiatives
 - a. Informational, Adrienne Neckermann for Venkat Allada:
 - i. Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship
 - ii. Dissertation Completion Fellowship
 - iii. Experience S&T
 11. Graduate Certificate Plan of Study Form Implementation
 - a. Informational, Adrienne Neckermann for Venkat Allada:
 - i. Will be put on hold for further discussion in the FS15 Graduate Council meetings. Unintended consequences of implementing this form have been discovered and warrant further discussion.
 12. New business
 - a. Discussion of strategic plan and initiatives. Identified areas for improvement.
 - b. Discussion of stipend x trends and ideas for next year's recommendation.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.