

MINUTES OF THE GRADUATE FACULTY
Apr 29, 2013

The regularly scheduled fall semester Graduate Faculty meeting was called to order by President Joe Newkirk at 3:05 pm on Monday, April 29 in the Meramec-Gasconade Room of the Heavener Center.

Present: J. Newkirk (President, MatSE), M. Fitch (Secretary, CArEE), D. Jackson (Registrar), H. Wiebe (Global Learning), V. Hudgins (Grad Studies), J. Leopold (CS), M. Mormile (BioSci), B. Bai (PetE), C. Mendoza (CArEE), B. Cudney (EMSE), B. Flachsbart (BIT), Y. Lin (BIT), Keng (BIT), F. Montgomery (PsySci), L. Stoll (Enroll Mgt), M. Schulz (Physics), J. Batarick (Global), C. Dagli (SysE), K. Erickson (ECE), V. Yu (BIT), P. Neogi (ChBE), V. Allada (Grad Studies), G. MacSithigh (MSE), S. Matson (Grad Studies), G. Morrison (CArEE), C. Wilson (Grad Studies), L. Costoplos (Grad Studies)

1. Minutes of 29 Nov 2013 meeting were approved.
2. Commencement list approved with two deletions and one addition and two certificate deletions.
3. Number of courses allowed to transfer for use into the direct PhD program

Motion: Allow no more than nine semester hours to be transferred for a PhD after an earned Masters degree, so long as the courses were taken for graduate credit with a B or better grade and have not been counted for another degree.

Motion passed.

Referral to grad council: Consider whether an exception is allowable if the student is transferring classes to move with a faculty advisor joining S&T from a different university.

Motion: Allow no more than eighteen semester hours to be transferred for a PhD if no Masters degree has been awarded, so long as the courses were taken for graduate credit with a B or better grade and have not been counted for another degree.

Motion passed.

4. Course descriptions for 493 and 495.

Motion – modify course descriptions for 493 and 495 (shown in red-line strike-out):

After completion of all other program requirements, oral examination for ~~on-campus~~ MS/PhD students may be processed during intersession. ~~Off-campus~~ MS/PhD students must be enrolled in oral examination and must have paid an oral examination fee at the time of the defense/comprehensive exam (oral/written). ~~This examination-only fee is an appropriate substitute for the three (3) credit-hour minimum enrollment requirement for an off-campus MS/PhD student who is returning to campus for defense/comprehensive exam. All other students must enroll for credit commensurate with uses made of facilities and/or faculties. In no case shall this be for less than three (3) semester hours for resident students.~~

~~Doctoral candidates who have completed all requirements for the degree except the dissertation, and are a way from campus must continue to enroll for at least one credit hour each registration period until the degree is completed.~~ After completing the residency requirement and passing the comprehensive examination for the doctoral degree, the doctoral student must remain enrolled until the oral defense has been passed, final dissertation has been submitted, and the doctoral

degree has been awarded. Enrollment must be for at least one credit hour each registration period. Failure to do so may invalidate the candidacy. Billing will be automatic as will registration upon payment.

Motion to amend: change wording from “has been passed, final dissertation has been submitted, and the doctoral degree has been awarded.” to “has been passed and the final dissertation has been accepted by the graduate school.” Amendment passed.

Amended motion passed

5. Motion – Insert wording on Graduate Catalog page 20 under “Master of Science Degree Without Thesis” - ...not all departments will accept 200-level coursework. 490 Research will not be allowed to count toward a non-thesis program.

Discussion asked about student ability to take research; 400 can be counted for up to 4 hours and 490 is titled “thesis research”.

Motion passed.

6. Motion: “No course can be counted towards more than one graduate certificate.”
Motion passed.

7. Stipend X: VPGS proposes that Stipend X be set as a minimum value, and faculty are allowed to pay up to 10% more. Offered by VPGS for advice prior to discussing this idea with the Provost.

Discussion focused largely on whether 10% is enough to be competitive. VPGS said that paying tuition seems to be the largest hurdle for making good recruitment offers.

Motion: For each member of the graduate faculty, campus would provide tuition and fees for one graduate student per semester. Moved (Usman) and seconded (Wright). VPGS suggested \$1 - 2 million in lost revenue. Prof. Usman suggested an increase in number of students would result.
Motion failed: 5 for, 6 against.

8. Inclusion of graduate tuition fees in grants and proposals: VPGS for VPR

9. Thesis and Dissertation Hold Policy