

Graduate Faculty Meeting Agenda

4:00 pm, December 6, 2021

Zoom: <https://umsystem.zoom.us/j/96797158887?pwd=Z3ltZkd0MxRS9WU1pzZ21YRXZCQT09>

Meeting ID: 967 9715 8887 / Password: 713156

1. Approval of Minutes from May 3, 2021 Meeting
2. Approval of Fall 2021 Commencement List (will be emailed from the Office of the Registrar)
3. Graduate Faculty Reappointment Vote
 - Twenty-four full and seven associate membership applications were reviewed
 - Membership Committee recommended approval of all applications
4. Motion Approved by Graduate Council on October 6, 2021 to Revise the Second/Subsequent Master's Degree Section of the Graduate Catalog for Clarification Purposes (see page 3 for attached proposal)
 - **“Earning a Second/Subsequent Master's Degree**
A second/subsequent master's degree requires a minimum of twenty-four additional hours of graduate credit (thesis or non-thesis). The plan of study (Form 1/1-A) must include a minimum of eighteen credit hours of 4000-, 5000-, and 6000 level lecture courses (1000/2000-level courses cannot be included). A minimum of six credit hours of the required coursework must come from the group of 6000-level lecture courses. Additionally, for a second/subsequent master's degree with a thesis, a minimum of six credit hours of graduate research is required.

A student who has earned a master's degree from Missouri S&T is not eligible to receive a second master's degree in the same degree program.”
5. Motion Approved by Graduate Council on October 6, 2021 to Revise Section III.A. of the Graduate Faculty Rules and Regulations Due to Recent Change in Administrative Structure/Position Title (see page 3 for attached proposal)
 - Replace “Vice Chancellor of Research and Graduate Studies” with “Vice Provost of Graduate Education” in the list of automatic ex-officio members.
 - Add “Vice Chancellor of Research” position to the list of automatic ex-officio members.
6. Motion Approved by Graduate Council on October 6, 2021 to Revise Section III.E.1. of the Graduate Faculty Rules and Regulations to Include Associate Members in Current Emeritus Policy (see page 3 for attached proposal)
 - Any member of the Graduate Faculty who is granted Emeritus status shall retain their existing membership rights and privileges for the remainder of their affiliation with the University. Emeritus faculty who wish to resign their membership in the Graduate Faculty may do so by notifying the Vice Chancellor of Research and Graduate Studies.

7. Motion Approved by Graduate Council on November 3, 2021 to Revise the Grad Track Pathway Section of the Graduate Catalog (see page 4 for attached proposal)

- **“Grad Track Pathway**

Some departments offer a Grad Track Pathway to exceptional undergraduate students for early provisional admission to the master’s degree program. This accelerated program is designed for such students to earn coursework credits toward their master’s degree while completing their bachelor’s degree in a discipline as approved by the prospective graduate program. A Grad Track Pathway is defined by a set of graduate-level courses (no more than nine credit hours) that apply towards the bachelor’s degree and then also towards their associated master’s degree.

Courses approved for shared credit may also be applied toward one or more graduate certificates in addition to the master’s degree (courses used for a specific certificate cannot be counted toward an additional certificate). The student must include the name(s) of the intended certificate program(s) as well as the name of the intended master’s program on the Grad Track Pathway Admission and Course Approval Form when applying for the GTP. The student must have already applied and been admitted to the intended master’s program before applying for admission to the graduate certificate program(s). The student must receive the master’s degree in order to also receive the graduate certificate(s) in the same or future semester/session.

Please consult your (prospective) department for additional information.”

8. Motion Approved by Graduate Council on November 3, 2021 to Modify Grad Track Pathway Admission Form

- Replace “List all courses to be taken in the final year of the undergraduate degree and indicate which courses will be used for shared credit:” with “List all courses to be taken in the undergraduate degree which will be used for shared credit:”

9. Informational Items

- Ad hoc committee was formed to discuss the process to remove and advisor or committee member from a thesis/dissertation committee. Members: Dr. Akim Adekpedjou (science); Dr. Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani (engineering); Dr. Matt Thimgan (science); Dr. Li Li Eng (business); Dr. Cesar Mendoza (engineering) Sarah Fayek (non-voting student representative)
- Election was held by Graduate Council on November 03, 2021 for 2021-22 End of Year Awards Committee. Elected were Drs. Manashi Nath, V. Prakash Reddy, Gayla Olbright, Baojun Bai, and staff member Erica Reven

10. New Business

Earning a Second/Subsequent Master's Degree

A student who has earned a master's degree at Missouri S&T or elsewhere in one major shall be eligible to earn a second/subsequent master's degree in another area upon satisfactory completion of a minimum of twenty-four additional hours of graduate credit (thesis or non-thesis). The plan of study (Form 1/1-A) must include a minimum of eighteen credit hours of 4000-, 5000-, and 6000-level lecture courses (1000/2000-level courses cannot be included). A minimum of six credit hours of the required coursework must come from the group of 6000-level lecture courses. Additionally, for a second/subsequent master's degree with a thesis, a minimum of six credit hours of graduate research is required.

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GRADUATE FACULTY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section III.A.

- A. The membership of the Graduate Faculty shall consist of the following: The President of the University of Missouri System, the Chancellor, the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Provost and Dean for College of Engineering and Computing, the Vice Provost and Dean of College of Arts, Science, and Business, the [Vice Chancellor of Research and Graduate Studies](#), the [Vice Provost of Graduate Education](#), the Vice Provost for Academic Support, the Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, Chairs of Departments authorized to offer graduate degree programs and/or graduate courses, and other members of the faculty at Missouri University of Science and Technology who are accepted under the rules of the Graduate Faculty to assume the responsibilities and authorities delegated to it.

Section III.E.1.

1. Any member of the Graduate Faculty who is granted Emeritus status shall retain ~~full~~[their existing](#)- membership rights and privileges for the remainder of their affiliation with the University. Emeritus faculty who [wish](#) to resign their membership in the Graduate Faculty may do so by notifying the Vice ~~Chancellor of Research and Provost of~~ Graduate [Education Studies](#).

Motion to modify the Grad Track Pathway section of the Graduate Catalog to the following:

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