

Graduate Faculty Meeting Agenda

4:00 pm, May 03, 2021

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1. Approval of Minutes from December 07, 2020 Meeting
2. Approval of Spring 2021 Commencement List
 - Exception made by Registrar to award one Master of Business Administration Degree in December 2020, after Graduate Faculty and General Faculty had voted on the Fall 2020 Graduation List
3. Graduate Faculty Reappointment Vote
 - Twelve full and two associate membership applications were reviewed
 - Membership Committee recommended approval of all applications
4. Motion Approved by Graduate Council on February 03, 2021 to Include the Vice Provost of Enrollment Management as an Ex officio Member of the Graduate Faculty
5. Motion Approved by Graduate Council on February 03, 2021 Recommending that the Graduate Faculty Concur with their Objection of the Proposal to Subject the Graduate Faculty to a Subordinate Position as a Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate (See Attached Email)
6. Motion Approved by Graduate Council on April 07, 2021 to Adjust the Deadline for Admittance to the Grad Track Pathway
 - Recommended to be no later than 30 days prior to the semester or session that the student completes the undergraduate degree
7. Motion Approved by Graduate Council on April 07, 2021 to Modify Master's Admission for Grad Track Pathway Students from "Semester" to "Semester/Session" Immediately Following Awarding of Bachelor's Degree (to allow for admission in a summer session)
8. Elections for Faculty Standing Committees (Nominees Below)
 - Budgetary Affairs (One position available / Two-year term)
 - Jeffrey Winiarz (Chemistry)
 - V. Prakash Reddy (Chemistry)
 - Carlos Henry Castano (Mining & Nuclear Engineering)
 - Personnel (One position available / Two-year term)
 - Matt Insall (Mathematics and Statistics)
 - Chariklia Sotiriou-Leventis (Chemistry)
9. Elections for Graduate Faculty President and Secretary for 2021-2021 (Nominees below)
 - President
 - Matt Insall (Mathematics and Statistics)
 - Secretary
 - Dan Oerther (Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering)

10. Informational Items

- Election was held by Graduate Council on March 03, 2021 for replacement of Dr. S.N. Balakrishnan on the on the campus Research Policy Committee (chaired by Dr. Costas Tsatsoulis), to serve the remaining two years of a three-year term. Elected was Dr. Akim Adekpedjou.
- Ad hoc committee (consisting of members of Graduate Faculty, the Council of Graduate Students president, and representatives from Title IX and the Office of Graduate Studies) was formed to review a proposal for creation of a Graduate Students' Bill of Rights by the Council of Graduate Students.
 - Members: Clair Reynolds Kueny (Chair), Ricardo Morales, Cassie Elrod, Angela Lueking, Sara Fayek, Barbi Spencer, Lea Hickerson
 - First meeting was held April 14, 2021
- Outstanding Contributions to Graduate Studies Awards and Graduate Staff Excellence Awards for 2019-2020 and 2020-21 will be presented after this meeting.

11. New Business

Wagner, Kathy C.

From: Wagner, Kathy C. on behalf of S&T Graduate Faculty President
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:02 AM
To: allfac-grp@mst.edu
Cc: S&T Graduate Faculty President
Subject: For Your Consideration: Graduate Council Passes Resolution Regarding Proposed Bylaws Revisions

Dear Colleagues:

As president of the Graduate Faculty, I wish to notify you that at our last Graduate Council Meeting, the following Resolution was proposed, voted on, and passed unanimously.

“Whereas CRR 300.030 Faculty Bylaws specify in Section D. Faculty Organizations that the primary functional unit of the faculty is the Department, and for governing purposes the faculty is further organized into the General Faculty, the Graduate Faculty, the Faculty Senate, Standing Committees, Judicial Committees, and Special Programs.

And whereas the responsibility and authority of the Graduate Faculty enumerated in Section D, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph d. specifically mentions the General Faculty, but not the Faculty Senate.

And whereas the Officers of the Graduate Faculty have become aware of discussions by members of the Faculty Senate to propose a modification of CRR 300.030 thereby placing the Graduate Faculty as a Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate.

Now therefore, the Graduate Council objects to any such change in the current organizational structure of the faculty that would subject the Graduate Faculty to a subordinate position as a Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate.

And furthermore, the Graduate Council recommends that the Graduate Faculty concur with the objection of the Graduate Council, and join the Graduate Council in voicing opposition to any proposal by the Faculty Senate that would subject the Graduate Faculty to a subordinate position as a Standing Committee of the Faculty Senate.”

Thank you for your time, and I hope that you have a great day!

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