

Graduate Faculty Meeting Minutes

4:00 pm, Monday, December 07, 2020
Zoom

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm

1. Approval of minutes from Special February 24, 2020 meeting

- D. Oerther moved to approve; M. Moats seconded. No Discussion; Unanimous approval by yes votes via Zoom

2. Approval of minutes from May 04, 2020 meeting

- D. Oerther moved to approve; C. Mendoza seconded. No Discussion; Unanimous approval by yes votes via Zoom

3. Approval of minutes from November 30, 2020 meeting

- S. Corns moved to approve; G. Olbricht seconded. No Discussion; Unanimous approval by yes votes via Zoom

4. Graduate Faculty Reappointment

- Fifty-nine full and six associate membership applications; Unanimous approval by secret ballot via anonymous Qualtrics survey link

5. Motion approved by Graduate Council to amend 2020-21 Graduate Catalog by returning second/subsequent master's degree with reduced credit hours

- **“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.”

- Discussion: Clarifying term, “... in another area ...”; discussion ensued; noted that this language was part of historical terminology, and therefore sense was to leave the wording as presented.
- Unanimous approval by yes votes via Zoom (including proxy votes)

6. Motion approved by Graduate Council to amend 2020-21 Graduate Catalog by adjusting coursework and research requirements for doctoral students without a master's degree

- “Students who do not hold a master's degree will be required to complete a minimum of seventy-two hours of graduate credit. The plan of study (Form 5/5-A) must include a minimum of thirty credit hours of 4000-, 5000-, and 6000-level lecture courses (1000/2000-level courses cannot be included). It is recommended that fifteen credit hours of the required coursework come from the group of 6000-level lecture courses. Additionally, a minimum of thirty credit hours of graduate research is required.

- Discussion: Clarifying question – what about 3000-level courses? While not limited by campus, it could be limited by a department. Noted a difference between master’s with thesis and master’s without thesis as prior master’s degree before the doctoral degree.
- Unanimous approval by yes votes via Zoom

7. Motion approved by Graduate Council to approve two new forms and thirteen updated forms to reflect changes in the 2020-21 Graduate Catalog – list of forms on page 3

- No discussion; Unanimous approval by yes votes via Zoom

8. Informational items with no further discussion

9. No new business

Meeting adjourned at 4:48pm