

# Graduate Faculty Meeting Minutes

4:00 pm, December 6, 2021

Zoom

Meeting called to order at 4:07 pm

1. Approval of Minutes from May 3, 2021 Meeting

- I. Ivliyeva moved to approve; C. Mendoza seconded. No discussion; Unanimous approval by yes votes via Zoom

2. Approval of Fall 2021 Commencement List (previously emailed from the Office of the Registrar)

- D. Oerther moved to approve; F. Liou seconded. No discussion; Unanimous approval by yes votes via Zoom

3. Graduate Faculty Reappointment Vote

- Twenty-four full and seven associate membership; From committee. No discussion; Unanimous results in favor of all members via secret ballot administered via anonymous Qualtrics survey link

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

- **“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.”

- D. Oerther moved to approve; C. Mendoza seconded. Clarification was sought and offered to the change from the prior to the proposed version; Unanimous approval by yes votes via Zoom

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

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

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

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

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.”

- D. Oerther moved to approve; F. Liou seconded; Clarification was sought and offered on the question of “can one course count for three degrees?” Yes is the response.; Unanimous approval by yes votes via Zoom

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

9. Informational Items with no further discussion

10. New Business

- No new business.

D. Oerther moved to adjourn; C. Mendoza seconded

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm