

## **Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Meeting**

December 4, 2023, 4 p.m.

Location: on Zoom and in Missouri-Ozark Room, Havener Center (Room 207)

The following people were in attendance on Zoom: Jade Sinnott, Steve Corns, Ed Malone, Mehdi Ferdowsi, Melanie Mormile, Irina Ivliyeva, Chang-Soo Kim, Petra Dewitt, Aditya Kumar, Vy Le, and Madison Armstrong.

The meeting began at 4 p.m.

### **1. Approval of Minutes from May 1, 2023, meeting**

Melanie Mormile moved to approve the May 1 minutes; Mehdi Ferdowsi seconded.

The minutes were approved.

### **2. Commencement List Approval**

The commencement list was approved by a vote of the members in attendance: 86% in favor and 14% abstention (= 1 person abstaining)

### **3. Interim President's Report**

The report was brief.

### **4. Graduate Faculty Membership Vote for FS23**

Ten full and seven associate memberships recommended from the Membership Committee

Magdy Amin Abdeirahman

Lana Alagha

Rui Bo

Chihan Dagli

Kathryn Dolan

Kristen Donnell

Daoru Han

David Lipke

Matthew Thimgan

Haiming Wen

Viraj Ashok Athavale

Jie Gao

Hani Salim

Lesley Haynes Sneed

Patrick Taylor

All memberships were approved by a vote of the members in attendance.

#### **5. Recommendation to Chancellor to revise Policy Memorandum II-20, section A.4**

The proposed policy change was approved by a vote of the members in attendance. Steve Corns will send a letter to the chancellor, recommending that the change be implemented.

Original Passage:

When a graduate student takes the master's comprehensive exam, doctoral qualifying exam, doctoral comprehensive exam, or defends their thesis/dissertation, they must be enrolled on the date of the exam/defense. Failure to do so may invalidate the exam/defense. If the exam/defense occurs during the intersession, then an examination-only fee is appropriate by enrolling in one credit hour of Oral Examination, 5040/6040.

Proposed Revision:

When a graduate student takes the master's comprehensive exam, doctoral qualifying exam, doctoral comprehensive exam, or defends their thesis/dissertation, they must be enrolled on the date of the exam/defense. Failure to do so may invalidate the exam/defense. If the exam/defense occurs during the intersession, the student must have been enrolled in the immediately preceding semester/session; or, prior to the exam/defense date, they must enroll in one credit hour of Oral Examination, 5040/6040 (charged as an examination-only fee).

This change is recommended as the current requirements impose an unnecessary financial and administrative burden on graduate students.

#### **6. New business**

There was no new business.

Chang-Soo Kim moved to adjourn; Irina Ivliyeva seconded.

The meeting ended at 4:17 p.m.