

# Graduate Council Meeting Agenda

140 Toomey Hall

12:00 pm, February 19th, 2014

1. Approval of minutes from January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. Action to suppress listing of 5099, MS Research, in favor of only listing 6099, PhD Research. (Chair)
3. Drafted Graduate Certificate Plan of Study Form (VPGS)
4. Out-of-department coursework is not required for these students' program of study. The graduate catalog (page 20 under Master of Science Degree Without Thesis) states that "Students are encouraged to take at least six credit hour of coursework outside their major department" but then, on the same page, under "Master's Comprehensive Examination", it states that "The committee must consist of at least five members, including at least one person from outside the candidate's major department who is knowledgeable about the student's chosen out-of-department coursework." This creates a problem for those students that do not take any out-of-department coursework because it is optional.

We would like to request the paragraph on page 20 of the graduate catalog to be changed to: "The committee must consist of at least five members, and it is encouraged that at least one person be from outside the candidate's major department who is knowledgeable about the students chosen out-of-department coursework."

In addition to this change the Form I-B (Committee for Master of Science Comprehensive Exam (Non-Thesis)) and Form 3 (Report on Comprehensive Exam for Master's Degree (Non-Thesis)) would need to include the word "optional" after the signature line for the out-of-department committee member. (11/25/13, Dr. Singler)
5. Current practice when transferring graduate credit from other institutions is to require mapping of the class to an MST course. This is in some cases unsatisfactory. There is an example currently before me where a student wishes to transfer in a 6000 level class from another institution, but the only class we have on that topic is a 200 level class. More importantly, there are always classes closely related to our study areas that we do not offer, but that other institutions do offer, and those classes would benefit our graduate students. I believe we would serve our students best if we allowed those classes to be transferred.

I would like to propose a resolution to the Graduate Faculty Council that graduate students be allowed to transfer in courses from other institutions even if there is no 1:1 mapping to existing MST classes, and that a mechanism for that transfer be established. (11/14/13, Dr. Maerz)
6. Transfer credit: 12 hours within UM System/9 hours from other universities (VPGS)
7. Course Renumbering concerns (Chair)

- a. Programs that only have MS degrees (email from Psych)

8. About residency requirement for the Ph.D. (VPGS)

“...At least half of those credit hours must be taken at Missouri S&T. Students holding a master’s degree from Missouri S&T or another institution are allowed 1 year of residency for the degree. The three-year residency requirement can be met by completing the equivalent of two years (four semesters) of full-time academic work beyond a first master’s degree, including at least two consecutive semesters in residence at Missouri S&T while enrolled in at least nine graduate credit hours per semester....”

When calculated, the 3 year residency requirement cannot be completed as indicated above.

Below is what we are calculating:

MS		1 year
SP	9	.375
SS	3	.125
FS	9	.375
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9. Suggested updates to Policy Memo II-20. (VPGS)

10. New Business