

## Graduate Council Meeting 2 October 2013

Present: J. Newkirk, V. Allada, L. Costoplos, S. Matson, C. Wilson, V. Hudgins, F. Montgomery, Yingchou Lin, P. Worsey, R. Landers, C. Dagli

Not in attendance: S.N. Balakrishnan, R. Frank, L. Haynes, G. Hilmas, P. Neogi, J. Winiarz, J. Myers, X. Liu, H. Xiao, G. Gelles, D. Wright, S. Long, N. Maerz, S. Gao, V. Yu, F. Liou, V. Le, H. Koo Lee, B. Bai, R. Dubois

1) **April meeting minutes** - Approved (Motion: Worsey, Seconded: Landers)

2) **Renumbering rule change passed. Motion reads:**

*“Graduate students will by default be allowed to count a maximum of 6 credit hours of 3000 level courses towards their graduate degree programs, and no credit hours of 1000 or 2000 level courses. Individual departments may further restrict the number of 3000 level courses and specific 4000 level courses counting towards their graduate degree programs.”*

Newkirk: Background on the renumbering effort and the Graduate Faculty vote that was handled, and approved, over the summer via email. The purpose of this update is to make a record in the minutes.

3) **PhD and MS research credits**

Newkirk- What happens to PhD research credits is-if a student drops an MS? Vice versa?  
Not for a vote- just a discussion at this point. A decision needs to be made before December's Graduate Faculty meeting.

4) **Stipend X Update**

Allada- No increase. However, faculty have the flexibility to increase stipends by 10% if they have the funds available to do so. Strategic Planning Lever 4.5- Charged with growing doctoral programs by 300 students by the year 2020.

Motion- (Montgomery) VPGS to give Stipend X/Lever 4.5 update late January to GFC.

Seconded: Landers

Approved: Voice vote

5) **Membership Committee appointment**

Newkirk- Asking for members to review the Graduate Faculty reappointment applications.

Volunteers: Landers, Worsey, Newkirk

6) **Need representatives for the following Special Committees (Faculty Senate):**

- **2013-2014 Missouri S&T Research Policy Committee (4 GFC, set)**- No additional members needed.
- **2013-2014 Missouri S&T Budgetary Affairs (2GF)**- Suzanna Long, Newkirk to come up with additional representative.
- **2013-2014 Missouri S&T Curricula (1 GFC)**- Paul Worsey
- **2013-2014 Missouri S&T Personnel (1 GF)**- Yingchou Lin

7) **Officer elections**

Newkirk- the Parliamentarian (Matt O'Keefe) and Secretary (Mark Fitch) have stepped down. Graduate Faculty President and Graduate Council Chair (Joseph Newkirk) are up for re-election. Motion- (Worsey) Keep officers as they currently stand but replace those who have stepped down by voting (for a new Parliamentarian and Secretary) at the next Graduate Council meeting.

Seconded: Montgomery

[Approved: Voice vote](#)

#### **8) Graduate Catalog review**

Newkirk- The Graduate Council needs to look at changes to the catalog concerning course renumbering. [This makes for a good time to review the catalog, which has become hard to read and contains some inconsistencies between sections, and then revise it. During discussion it was mentioned that the proposed administrative changes \(Deans\) may lead to another revision soon after any changes this year. Newkirk then proposes a tiered change.](#) Montgomery- Suggests soliciting proposed changes from the entire Graduate Faculty via email. Worsey- Would like to add "chain of command" in print in the Graduate Catalog. Newkirk to address suggestions and plan of action at the next Graduate Council meeting.

#### **9) New Business**

No new business was introduced.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.