

Graduate Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 01, 2021, Noon to 1:00 PM

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1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes from April 07, 2021 Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes from Special May 07, 2021 Meeting
4. Appointment of 2021-22 Parliamentarian – Dr. V. Prakash Reddy
5. Appointment of 2021-22 Membership Committee (Must be comprised of Graduate Council members; At least one member from each of the following: engineering, science, arts/humanities/social sciences, business related)
6. Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee to Discuss the Process to Remove an Advisor or Committee Member from a Thesis/Dissertation Committee (Determined in the April 2021 Graduate Council meeting)
7. Submit Nominations/Self-Nominations for 2021-22 End of Year Awards Committee to Kathy Wagner (wagnerkc@mst.edu) by October 13, 2021. Vote will occur at the November Graduate Council Meeting.
 - Five members (Four must be members of Graduate Faculty; One must be a staff member working with a graduate program/office)
8. Update on Graduate Students' Bill of Rights Ad Hoc Committee
 - Members: C.R. Kueny (Chair), **A. Lueking**, C. Elrod, R. Morales, S. Fayek, B. Spencer, **E. Reven**
 - E. Reven replaces L. Hickerson as representative from Office of Graduate Studies
 - A replacement is needed for A. Lueking (representative from engineering), who has left S&T
 - Update from committee chair: Committee met to discuss and provide feedback to Council of Graduate Students (CGS). CGS reviewed feedback and provided a draft which was edited by L. Hickerson before transferring positions. Once a replacement is selected for Dr. Leuking, the committee will reconnect with CGS to determine how to move forward.
9. Presentation from Dr. Oliver Chen, Dean of the Curtis Laws Wilson Library
 - Copyright and Publication Option Format of Theses/Dissertations
 - Indefinite Holds for Theses/Dissertations
10. Modify Grad Track Pathway to allow approved GTP courses to also be applied toward graduate certificate in addition to master's degree (Dr. Costas Tsatsoulis – tabled from April 2021 meeting)
 - Office of Graduate Studies formulated motion and emailed to the Graduate Council to initiate discussion with their department faculty

11. The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) Resolution Regarding Graduate Scholars, Fellows, Trainees, and Assistants (Dr. Costas Tsatsoulis – Tabled from April 2021 meeting)

- Basically, this is saying that prospective graduate students are under no obligation to respond to offers of financial support prior to April 15 each year, and that earlier deadlines of acceptance of such offers violate the intent of the Resolution.
- Here is the link to the Resolution:
https://cgsnet.org/ckfinder/userfiles/files/CGS_April15_Resolution_Oct2020Revision.pdf
- The other UM System schools adhere to the resolution. S&T does generally, *in practice*, but is not formally named on this list. Should we adopt this Resolution formally and be included?

12. Future Discussion – Potential Need for Standing Liaison Committee Between Graduate Faculty and Faculty Senate

13. Future Discussion – Should Section III.E.1. of the Rules and Regulations be Modified to Allow Associate Members to Retain Membership if Granted Emeritus Status

- Current rule: “Any member of the Graduate Faculty who is granted Emeritus status shall retain **full 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.”

14. New Business