

Graduate Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 3, 2021, Noon to 1:00 PM

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1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes from October 6, 2021 Meeting
3. 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)
 - Current members: Dr. Akim Adekpedjou (science); Dr. Sahra Sedigh Sarvestani (engineering), Dr. Matt Thimgan (science), Dr. Li Li Eng (business), Sara Fayek (non-voting student representative)
 - No current representation from arts/humanities/social sciences
4. Election for 2021-22 End of Year Awards Committee
 - Four must be members of Graduate Faculty / One must be a staff member working with a graduate program/office (Nominations: Dr. Gayla Olbricht, Dr. V. Prakash Reddy, Dr. Manashi Nath, Dr. Baojun Bai, Erica Reven)
5. Potential Need for Revision of Thesis & Dissertation Specifications Regarding Publication Option Format (Dr. Costas Tsatsoulis)
6. Modify Grad Track Pathway to allow approved GTP courses to also be applied toward graduate certificate in addition to master's degree (Office of Graduate Studies)
 - Office of Graduate Studies revised previous motion based on feedback from the October Graduate Council meeting (See page 2 for suggested changes)
 - If this motion is approved, edits to the GTP forms and templates will be made by the Office of Graduate Studies to include graduate certificate information. These edits will not need to be approved by the Graduate Council or Graduate Faculty.
7. Update from Graduate Student Bill of Rights Ad Hoc Committee (Chair, Dr. Clair Kueny)
8. Graduate Student Satisfaction Survey (Dr. Colin Potts, Dr. Costas Tsatsoulis)
9. Potential Need for Standing Liaison Committee Between Graduate Faculty and Faculty Senate
 - Tabled from October meeting due to lack of time after some discussion
10. Potential Need for Standing Rules and Regulations Committee (some examples below)
 - Tabled from October meeting due to lack of time
 - Change in requirements for selection of Graduate Council members
 - Changes to campus administrative structure
11. Modify Grad Track Pathway to Allow Variable Units of Three to Nine Hours as Shared Credit (Dr. Matt Thimgan, Biological Sciences)
12. New Business

Motion to modify the Grad Track Pathway section of the Graduate Catalog to the following:

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.