

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
12:00 pm, Wednesday, November 04, 2020
Zoom

Meeting called to order at 12:01 pm

1) Roll call – (Completed via Zoom chat and Zoom Participant features)

- Present: M. Insall, D. Oerther, V.P. Reddy, C. Mendoza, A. Adekpedjou, C. Chua, C. Dagli, C. Reynolds Kueny, D. Fischer, E. Malone, G. Olbricht, J. Winiarz, K. Perry, L. Gertsch, M. Moats, S. Stanley, S. Corns, L. Alagha
- Invited Guests: C. Tsatsoulis, S. Raper, S. Fayek, K. Wagner, S. Matson, J. Sinnott, H. Pham

2) Approval of Minutes from October 7, 2020 meeting

- S. Stanley moved to approve; K. Perry seconded. Unanimous approval by yes votes via Zoom.

3) Informational (M. Insall): Should the Rules and Regulations be Modified to Include Vice Provost of Enrollment Management as Ex officio Member of Graduate Faculty? – To be discussed further in February, 2021

- S. Corns – clarification – Graduate Faculty or Graduate Council – seek clarification and explain in February, 2021

4) Graduate Forms Review Committee Recommendation of New/Revised Forms for Graduate Students to Reflect Changes in the FS20 Graduate Catalog

- S. Corns – clarification – appearance of discrepancy about five signatures on Forms 1B and 3 versus three signatures on Forms 1 and 2. Addressed by graduate of office (master's non-thesis committees require five members vs three for master's thesis committees).
- Forms submitted from committee (therefore, no need for second). Unanimous approval by yes votes via Zoom.

5) Elections for 2020-21 End of Year Awards Committee (Nominees: A. Adekpedjou, V.P. Reddy, G. Olbricht, H. Zhang, staff member Jeannie Werner from CArE)

- S. Corns moved to approve; S. Stanley seconded. Unanimous approval by yes votes via Zoom.

6) Proposed amendment to FS20 Graduate Catalog to Adjust Coursework and Research Requirements for Doctoral Students without a Master's

- M. Moats moved to approve; S. Stanley seconded. Approval by 11 yes votes, 1 no vote via Zoom.

7) Presentation from Sara Fayek, Council of Graduate Students President

- Concern regarding a “living wage” (0.25% FTE stipend and stipend X amount, given inflation, insurance, fees, etc create a current condition where students are not receiving a “living wage”)
- Proposed graduate student bill of rights – draft details discussed in oral presentation
- Volunteers to serve on the ad hoc committee on Graduate Student Bill of Rights: C.R. Kueny, S. Fayek. Important to include additional representatives from Title IX, Graduate Office, etc.

8) Informational (C. Tsatsoulis): Including Student Insurance on External Grant Proposals

- International students pay approximately \$2,000 per student per year for insurance; domestic students pay approximately \$6,000 per student per year for insurance.

9) New Business

- Informational (M. Insall): Concern regarding undergraduate student simultaneously receiving baccalaureate and graduate degrees; and potential concerns for unforeseen circumstances with students completing a graduate degree before completing a baccalaureate degree.
- Informational (M. Insall): Faculty Senate has entertained the notion of the movement of the Graduate Faculty as a “standing committee” of the Faculty Senate.

D. Oerther moved to adjourn; S. Stanley, seconded. Unanimous approval; Meeting Adjourned at 1:04 pm