

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

12:00 pm, Wednesday, September 01, 2021

Zoom

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm

1. Roll Call (Completed via Zoom Chat and Zoom Participant features)
 - Present: D. Oerther, V. P. Reddy, S. SedighSarvestani, A. Adekpedjou, C-S. Kim, A. Kumar, C. Chua, C. Dagli, C. Kueny, D. Fischer, E. Malone, G. Olbricht, J-C. Wang, K. Perry, L. Alagha, M. Nath, C. Mendoza, R. Smith, S. Madria (for G. Markowsky), S. Corns, Y. Zhou
 - Invited Guests: O. Chen, S. Raper
 - Other Guests/Attendees: K. Wagner, E. Reven, S. Matson, J. Sinnott, D. Borrok, A. Ricardo Morales
2. Approval of Minutes from April 07, 2021 Meeting
 - S. Corns moved to approve; A. Adekpedjou seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom.
3. Approval of Minutes from Special May 07, 2021 Meeting
 - ?? moved to approve; A. Adekpedjou seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom.
4. Appointment of 2021-22 Parliamentarian – Dr. V. Prakash Reddy
 - Informational; round of applause
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)
 - Volunteers: A. Adekpedjou (science); C. Kueny (arts/humanities/social sciences); S. Corns (engineering)
 - Member still needed from business related program
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)
 - Volunteers requested – Contact M. Insall or K. Wagner
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.
 - Volunteers: G. Olbricht (faculty); V.P. Reddy (faculty); M. Nath (faculty)
 - Members still needed: One from graduate faculty; one staff member working with a graduate program/office
8. Update on Graduate Students' Bill of Rights Ad Hoc Committee
 - Informational: 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
 - D. Borrok volunteered and will replace A. Lueking

9. Presentation from Dr. Oliver Chen, Dean of the Curtis Laws Wilson Library

- Copyright and Publication Option Format of Theses/Dissertations
 - Discussion: Important to educate faculty and students about copyright, holds, and plagiarism
- Indefinite Holds for Theses/Dissertations
 - Discussion: Nothing requested by Dr Chen; Sharon indicated there is ongoing work, and Dr. Chen indicated he would interface.

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
- TABLED to next meeting

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

- TABLED to next 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

- Informational – to be included on a future meeting agenda
- Discussion: graduate faculty in favor of remaining NOT a standing committee of faculty senate; faculty senate folks present indicated they had heard that message; faculty senate folks present confirmed that it's important to have two-way communication, and suggested that a graduate faculty rep to RP&A might be a good way to start.

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.”
- Informational – to be included on a future meeting agenda
- Discussion: general support for changing the language to, “Any associate or full member of the graduate faculty who is granted emeritus status shall retain associate or full membership rights and privileges...”

14. New Business

- None

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm