

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

12:00 pm, Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Zoom

Meeting called to order at 12:04 pm

1. Roll Call (Completed via Zoom Chat and Zoom Participant features)
 - Present: See Attached Roll Call List (page 3)
 - Invited Guests: C. Potts, C. Tsatsoulis, K. Drowne
 - Other Guests/Attendees: A. R. Morales, K. Wagner, J. Sinnott, S. Matson, E. Reven,
2. Approval of Minutes from October 06, 2021 Meeting
 - C. Kueny moved to approve; A. Alajo seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom.
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); Dr. Cesar Mendoza (engineering) Sarah Fayek (non-voting student representative)
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 (Elected: 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)
 - Brief presentation by C. Tsatsoulis, "I've been reviewing the publication option for thesis, and I wanted to share some thoughts." A brief PowerPoint presentation was offered.
 - Significant discussion ensued.
 - D. Oerther motioned to table; K. Perry seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom.*
6. Discussed Before Item 5 Due to Technical Issues - 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.
 - D. Oerther moved to approve; P. Reddy seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom.
 - A second motion/separate motion is to modify the admission form to eliminate the requirement for "final year of the undergraduate degree", and the new text would read, "List all courses to be taken in the undergraduate degree which will be used for shared credit:"
 - P. Taylor moved to approve; D. Oerther seconded.
 - A. Adekpedjou motioned to table; S. Corns seconded. Tabled by a vote of 11 yea and 5 nay.

7. Update from Graduate Student Bill of Rights Ad Hoc Committee (Chair, Dr. Clair Kueny)
 - D. Oerther motioned to table; K. Perry seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom.*
 8. Discussed Before Item 7 Due to Provost Attendance - Graduate Student Satisfaction Survey (Dr. Colin Potts, Dr. Costas Tsatsoulis)
 - Dr. Potts had already left the meeting, so Dr. Tsatsoulis gave brief explanation of the survey and indicated the data was being analyzed and there were several concerns raised that would be reviewed and discussed
- *D. Oerther motioned to table remainder of agenda and adjourn the meeting; K. Perry seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm

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.

Program/Department	Name	Present	Designee Present
Aerospace Engineering	Serhat Hosder	x	
Biological Sciences	Matt Thimgan	x	
Applied Mathematics	Gayla Olbricht	*	Akim Adekpedjou
Arts, Language, & Philosophy*		*	Cassie Elrod
Business Administration (MBA)	Sarah Stanley	x	
Ceramic Engineering	Aditya Kumar	x	
Chemical Engineering	Jee-Ching Wang	x	
Chemistry	Manashi Nath	x	
Civil Engineering	Cesar Mendoza	x	
Computer Engineering	Sahra Sedighsarvestani	x	
Computer Science	Sanjay Madria	*	Patrick Taylor
Economics*	Yishu Zhou	x	
Electrical Engineering	Chang-Soo Kim	x	
Engineering Management	Steven Corns	x	
Environmental Engineering	Cesar Mendoza	x	
Explosives Engineering	Kyle Perry	x	
Geological Engineering	Ryan Smith	x	
Geology and Geophysics	Wan Yang		
Geotechnics	Jeffrey Cawlfeld		
History and Political Science*	Michael Meagher		
Industrial-Organizational Psychology	Clair Kueny	x	
Information Science & Technology	Cecil Chua	x	
Manufacturing Engineering	Frank Liou		
Materials Science & Engineering	Aditya Kumar	x	
Mathematics	Akim Adekpedjou	x	
Mechanical Engineering	Xiaodong Yang	x	
Metallurgical Engineering	Aditya Kumar	x	
Mining Engineering	Lana Alagha	x	
Nuclear Engineering	Ayodeji Alajo	x	
Petroleum Engineering	Baojun Bai	x	
Physics	Daniel Fischer	x	
Systems Engineering	Cihan Dagli	x	
Technical Communication	Edward Malone	x	