

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 07, 2021, Noon to 1:00 PM
Zoom

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm

1. Roll Call (Completed via Zoom Chat and Zoom Participant features)
 - Present: M. Insall; V.P. Reddy; A. Adekpedjou; C. Dagli; C. Chua; C. Kueny; D. Fischer; K. Grote; G. Olbricht; G. Markowsky; C. Mendoza; J. Winiarz; L. Gertsch; M. Moats; S. Stanley; R. Verble; E. Malone; S. Hosder; S. Corns; X. Liang; X. Yang
 - Invited Guests: C. Tsatsoulis; S. Fayek; S. Raper;
 - Other Guests: K. Wagner; J. Sinnott; S. Matson; H. Pham; A. Lueking; S. Fogg; D. Hier
2. Approval of Minutes from March 03, 2021 Meeting
 - S. Stanley moved to approve; M. Moats seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom.
3. Nominations Have Been Requested for the Budgetary Affairs Faculty Standing Committee (one member needed); Personnel Faculty Standing Committee (one member needed); 2021-22 Graduate Faculty President and Secretary (All due to Kathy Wagner via email by April 21, 2021)
 - Informational. No Discussion.
4. Update on Graduate Students' Bill of Rights Ad Hoc Committee
 - Informational. No Discussion.
5. Grad Track Pathways
 - Proposal from Biological Sciences to adjust the deadline for admittance to the GTP to the end of the fall semester, senior year
 - o Robin Verble, on the behalf of Matt Thimgan, in Biological Sciences presented the rationale for adjusting the deadline for admittance to the GTP to the end of the Fall semester of the senior year. Vice Chancellor Tsatsoulis, George Markowsky and others proposed to change the draft to "...the semester before the last semester of bachelor's graduation".
 - o The original draft was accordingly modified to state: "the deadline for admittance to the GTP be recommended to be no later than 30 days prior to the semester or session that the student completes the undergraduate degree."
 - o G. Markowsky moved to approve; L. Gertsch seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom.
 - Modify to allow approved GTP courses to be applied toward graduate certificate in addition to the master's degree
 - o Vice Chancellor Tsatsoulis, George Markowsky, and Steven Corns had discussion on this issue.
 - o Survey of the Graduate Council by a majority vote supported the notion of approving the GTP courses to be also applied toward graduate certificate program. The Office of Graduate Studies will formulate a motion and send to Graduate Council via email for discussion with their department faculty. This issue is tabled to the next meeting for further discussion and voting.

- Modify master's admission from semester to semester/session (immediately following awarding of bachelor's degree)
 - o Vice Chancellor Tsatsoulis suggested to change the wording of semester to semester/session to include the summer session
 - o G. Markowsky moved to approve; M. Moats seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom.
6. Grade Replacement for Graduate Students
- George Markowsky has proposed that the graduate students be allowed to replace a course with "F" grade by taking an alternative course. Steven Corns suggested to refer the issue to the Academic Freedom and Standards Committee. George Markowsky agreed to transfer the issue to the committee accordingly.
7. Process to Remove Advisor or Committee Member from Thesis/Dissertation Committee
- Matt Insall will form an ad hoc committee on this issue.
8. The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) Resolution Regarding Graduate Scholars, Fellows, Trainees, and Assistants
- Vice Chancellor Tsatsoulis proposed to table the issue for the next meeting
 - S. Corns moved to table; G. Markowsky seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom.
9. New Business
- None for this meeting.

G. Markowsky moved to adjourn; S. Corns seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm.