Meeting called to order at 12:03 pm

0) Moment of silence in remembrance of Professor S.N. Balakrishnan and for his loved ones

1) Roll Call (Completed via Zoom Chat and Zoom Participant features)

- Present: M. Insall; D. Oerther; V.P. Reddy; A. Adekpedjou; C. Dagli; C. Kueny; D. Fischer; E. Malone; G. Olbricht; G. Markowsky; J. Winiarz; L. Alagha; L. Gertsch; M. Moats; S. Stanley; S. Corns; Ana Ichim
- Invited Guests: K. Northcut; C. Tsatsoulis; S. Fayek; S. Raper
- Other Guests: K. Wagner; S. Matson; J. Sinnott; H. Pham; A. Neckermann; A. Lueking; S. Fogg

2) Approval of Minutes from November 04, 2020 meeting

- S. Stanley moved to approve; L. Gertsch seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom.

3) Nominations will be Requested Soon via Email for the 2020-21 Outstanding Contributions to Graduate Studies and Graduate Staff Excellence Awards

- Informational – email will be forthcoming for award nominations

4) Graduate Faculty Membership Renewals

- Informational – graduate faculty membership renewals underway

5) Update on Graduate Student Bill of Rights Ad Hoc Committee

- Informational – Additional volunteer: Angela Lueking (Associate Dean for Research – CEC)

6) Should the Rules and Regulations be Modified to Include Vice Provost of Enrollment Management as Ex officio Member of Graduate Faculty?

- D. Oerther moved to approve; L. Gertsch seconded. Approved with 10 yea, 1 nay by raising of hands via Zoom.

7) Faculty Senate has entertained the notion of including the Graduate Faculty as a “standing committee” of the Faculty Senate.

- Graduate council objects the proposed move of Graduate Faculty as standing committee of Faculty Senate
- D. Oerther moved to approve objection and send to Graduate Faculty; G. Markowsky seconded. Unanimous approved by raising of hands via Zoom.

8) New Business

- Vice Chancellor Tsatsoulis mentioned that we need to identify a replacement of Professor S.N. Balakrishnan on the Research Policy Committee (to serve the remaining two years of a three-year term)
  - Nominations/Self-Nominations requested by February 24, 2021; Election will occur at the next Graduate Council meeting in March.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm