

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

12:00 pm, Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Zoom

Meeting called to order at 12:02 pm

1. Roll Call (Completed via Zoom Chat and Zoom Participant features)
 - Present: See Attached Roll Call List (page 3)
 - Invited Guests: S. Raper, C. Tsatsoulis
 - Other Guests/Attendees: S. Fogg, A. Ricardo Morales, K. Shepherd, E. Reven, S. Matson, J. Sinnott, M. Powers, M. Armstrong
2. Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2022 Meeting
 - S. Stanley moved to approve; J.C. Wang seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom.
3. Informational – Office of Graduate Studies working to create Google forms workflow for Graduate forms
 - Possibility of some folks not being able to access Google
4. Information request – Ad hoc Committee for removing Advisor/Committee Members requests examples of specific challenges
 - Clarification of request by M. Thimgan
5. Should students in Certificate programs be required to apply for Certificate completion prior to receiving admission to Master's program? (brought back from Table of November meeting)
 - Presentation by Dr. Tsatsoulis; Approximately 70% of those who begin certificate do NOT apply for completion of certificate. Completion of certificate counts as a “degree awarded” for the University per MDHE.
 - D. Oerther moved to approve language requiring application for completing graduate certificate before receiving admission to master's program; C. Mendoza seconded.
 - Good discussion ensued and Dr. Tsatsoulis agreed to verify information from Registrar, evaluate impact on Grad-track and recruiting efforts, and return to Council after further thought.
 - D. Oerther withdrew his motion and C. Mendoza concurred.
6. Discussion of potential need for Standing Rules and Regulations Committee
 - D. Oerther moved to table for next meeting; C. Mendoza seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom
7. Proposed language to Revise Graduate Student Catalog regarding GPA (see page 2 for suggested changes)
 - D. Oerther moved; S. Stanley seconded. Discussion included clarifying language of modification to include:
 - “In order to earn a graduate degree, a student must achieve both a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for all graduate courses listed on the plan of study and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in all coursework taken for graduate credit at Missouri S&T.”
 - “In order to earn a graduate certificate, a student must achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in the courses approved for the certificate.”
 - “On any plan of study or certificate program, no substitution may be made for a course in which the student has earned less than a B grade.”
 - Of note: during discussion it was clarified that individual graduate programs may have criteria that are MORE STRINGENT than those included in the graduate catalog.
 - Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom.

8. Should form 6A be eliminated and form 6B be renamed to Form 6?
 - Presentation by Dr. Tsatsoulis
 - S. Corns moved to eliminate Form 6A and change the name of Form 6B to Form 6 beginning in catalog year 2022-23; S. Stanley seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom.

9. Discussion to eliminate, “application to conduct off-campus research” form
 - Presentation by S. Corns
 - While the general sentiment was that the form was likely redundant, there was no formal movement at this time, and it was agreed that we should revisit this issue at the next council meeting.

10. Motion to table agenda item 6 (Potential need for Standing Rules and Regulations Committee) and adjourn by D. Oerther; S. Corns seconded. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm

GPA Requirements for Graduate Students

In order to earn a graduate degree ~~or graduate certificate~~, ~~all a~~ students must achieve ~~both~~ a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher ~~for all graduate courses listed on the plan of study and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher~~ in all ~~graduate coursework taken for graduate credit at Missouri S&T. as well as for all graduate courses listed on the plan of study.~~ ~~In order to earn a graduate certificate, a students must achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in the four~~ ~~courses approved for the certificate. Master's and doctoral students must also achieve a GPA of 3.0 or higher for all~~ ~~graduate courses listed on the plan of study (Form 1 for master's students and Form 5 for doctoral students).~~ ~~On any~~ ~~plan of study or certificate program, N~~no substitutions may be made ~~on the a plan of study or certificate program~~ for a ~~a~~ courses in which the student has earned less than a B grade.

All graduate students are encouraged to maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA at all times, and certain departments may even require this minimum GPA. In cases where a graduate student repeats a course, both the original and repeat grades will be used in calculating the student's GPA, and both will appear on the student's transcript.

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Corrections with Track Changes Accepted (To show updated section as it would appear in the Graduate Catalog)

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Program/Department	Name	Present	Designee Present
Aerospace Engineering	Serhat Hosder	X	
Biological Sciences	Matt Thimgan	X	
Applied Mathematics	Gayla Olbricht	X	
Arts, Language, & Philosophy*			
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	X	
Economics*	Yishu Zhou	X	
Electrical Engineering	Chang-Soo Kim		
Engineering Management	Steven Corns	X	
Environmental Engineering	Cesar Mendoza	X	
Explosives Engineering	Kyle Perry	X	
Geological Engineering	Ryan Smith		
Geology and Geophysics	Wan Yang	X	
Geotechnics	Jeffrey Cawfield		
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		
Petroleum Engineering	Baojun Bai	X	
Physics	Daniel Fischer	X	
Systems Engineering	Cihan Dagli	X	
Technical Communication	Edward Malone	X	

Officer Position	Name	Present	
Chair	Matt Insall	X	
Secretary	Daniel Oerther	X	
Parliamentarian	V. Prakash Reddy	X	

*Department offering 5000 level courses but no graduate program