

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

12:00 pm, Wednesday, April 6, 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 2)
 - Invited Guests: C. Tsatsoulis, S. Raper, S. Sivadasan
 - Other Guests/Attendees: J. Sinnott, S. Matson, E. Reven, M. Powers, M. Armstrong, S. Fogg, L. Zach
- 1a. Discussion of allowing suspension of rules to allow Secretary to act in place of President during absence
2. Approval of Minutes from March 22, 2021 Meeting
 - S. Stanley moved to approve; K. Perry seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands via Zoom.
3. Election for faculty representation to Curriculum Committee
 - Dr. Kyle Perry (mining)
 - Any other nominations from the floor
 - Vote; Unanimous support via Zoom
4. Resolution supporting Graduate Student Bill of Rights (in current format)
 - Presentation by Dr. Kueny of Bill of Rights as well as resolution
 - Motion to approve resolution by C. Kueny; S. Stanley seconded;
 - Discussion ensued – especially with regard to the nature of “forms” to be completed by faculty – faculty don’t want “extra” burden of forms to ensure that “adequate progress is being made towards degree”;
 - Approval via Zoom with 13 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention
5. Discussion of potential revision of Stipend X
 - Presentation by Dr. Tsatsoulis with recommendation of 5% increase in Stipend X
 - Discussion ensued – in particular, the question is asked, “What’s the purpose of Stipend X”? Is this a “minimum” living wage; is this a “minimum” competitive wage to attract students? Should there be a single wage across all programs, or should the wage be tied to the average salaries of faculty in various programs (i.e., fields with higher average faculty salaries should have higher average student salaries)?
 - Motion to table to April 20 by S. Stanley; C. Kueny seconded; unanimous approval to table until April 20
6. Motion to revise Grad Track Pathway documents to allow one to nine hours of credit
 - Presentation by Dr. Thimgan
 - Motion to approve by M. Thimgan; S. Corns seconded;
 - Discussion ensued – no major points of contention;
 - Unanimous approval via Zoom
7. Motion to revise publication option section of Thesis & Dissertation Specifications
 - Presentation by Dr. Oerther
 - Motion to approve by D. Oerther; S. Corns seconded;
 - Discussion ensued – no major points of contention;
 - Unanimous approval via Zoom

Remaining items tables until April 20 meeting

8. Motion to eliminate off-campus research form
 - Presentation by Dr. Corns
9. Motion to modify graduate catalog to allow MS exam for those who fail doctoral exam
 - Presentation by Dr. Tsatsoulis
10. Discussion of need for standing rules and regulations committee

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm

Program/Department	Name	Present	Designee Present
Aerospace Engineering	Serhat Hosder	X	
Biological Sciences	Matt Thingan	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		
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 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		
Technical Communication	Edward Malone		

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

*Department offering 5000 level courses but no graduate program