Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 5, 2022, Noon to 1:00 PM

Room 209 Computer Science & Zoom

Meeting called to order at 12:02 pm

1. Roll Call (Completed in-person and via Zoom Chat and Participant features)
   - Present: See Attached Roll Call List (page 2)
   - Invited Guests: F. Oboh-Ikuenobe, C. Potts, R. Glaser, D. Reardon, D. Spivey, G. Khairnar
   - Other Guests/Attendees: J. Sinnott, S. Matson, E. Reven, M. Armstrong, M. Insall, L. Eng

2. Consent Agenda
   - S. Stanley moved to approve; M. Nath seconded. Unanimous approval by raising of hands in-person and on Zoom
   a. Approval of Minutes from September 7, 2022 Meeting
   b. D. Oerther gave an update and invited nominations for the 2022-23 Awards Committee
   c. D. Oerther gave an update and invited nominations for the Ad hoc Rules and Regulations Committee

3. Proposal from Ad hoc Committee for Removing Advisor/Committee Member (Creation of contingency procedure for authorizing the unilateral removal of an advisor/member)
   - D. Oerther gave introductory comments on the role of the graduate faculty and the necessity for the Ad hoc Committee for removing the Advisor/Committee Members under extenuating circumstances. D. Oerther proposed to table this agenda for the next Graduate Council meeting to allow more time for discussion; S. Stanley moved to table; V. P. Reddy seconded; Unanimous approval by raising of hands in-person and on Zoom

4. Informational Discussion on CEC Proposal to Create a Graduate Student Academic Year Performance Form to be Adopted for Campus-wide use
   - C. Potts gave introductory comments on the importance of the quality of the teaching mentorship and consideration of the conflicts of interests for the graduate students and the faculty.
   - F. Oboh-Ikuenobe has discussed the proposal on the necessity of creating Graduate Student Academic Year Performance Form for campus-wide use. There were some positive comments and several arguments against the necessity of such a form, including suggestions that there should be no special consideration of the graduate students depending on whether they are TA's or RA's; the roles of the advisory committee and the advisor; some departments, including chemistry, already have such procedure evaluating the graduate students; the advisor specific nature of the non-thesis students. It was proposed that there will be a small sub-committee to further formulate such a form.

5. New Business
   - None

Meeting Adjourned at 1:03 pm

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

Officer Position	Name	Present	
Chair	Dan Oerther	X	
Secretary	V. Prakash Reddy	X	
Parliamentarian	Sarah Stanley	X	