

# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 5, 2023, Noon to 1:00 PM

140 Toomey Hall & via Zoom

*Meeting called to order at 12:03 p.m.*

1. Roll Call

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2023 Meeting (as distributed)

*S. Stanley moved to approve; V. P. Reddy seconded; Approved by unanimous voting.*

3. Please share with faculty and staff the call for:

- a. Nominations for President of the Graduate Faculty
- b. Nominations for Secretary of the Graduate Faculty
- c. Nominations for Awards

*D. Oerther has encouraged the faculty and staff to nominate candidates for the President and Secretary of the Graduate Faculty and solicited nominations for Graduate Faculty and Staff awards to be awarded in the next Graduate Faculty meeting.*

4. Further to discussions of graduate students, the Graduate Council is invited to consider the following motion:

- a. Whereas the current fee for health insurance for international graduate students is approximately \$2,508, and whereas the current fee for health insurance for domestic graduate students is approximately \$4,406, therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council recommends that Missouri S&T subsidize the difference in current fee for health insurance for domestic graduate students in an amount of approximately \$1,898.

It was agreed upon with a general consensus that the difference in the current fee for health insurance for domestic graduate students be subsidized each year and accordingly adjusted for the annual increase in the health insurance costs.

*S. Stanley moved to approve; V. P. Reddy seconded; Approved by unanimous voting.*

5. Further to discussions of graduate students, the Graduate Council is invited to consider the following motion:
  - a. Whereas the nationwide consumer price index rose by 6.41% during 2022, and whereas the consumer price index for the St. Louis area rose by 5.9% during 2022, therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council recommends that Missouri S&T increase Stipend-X by at least 6%, effective as soon as possible.

*It was unanimously agreed upon that the graduate student stipend-X should be increased by at least 6%. It was also pointed out that the annual graduate student stipend was based on perhaps the outdated data on the cost of living in Rolla and that it should be re-evaluated.*

*V. P. Reddy moved to approve; S. Stanley seconded; Approved by unanimous voting.*

6. Graduate Education recommends the following change to the 2023-2024 Graduate Catalog:
  - a. Master's Degrees and Doctoral Degrees Plan of Study Sections:
    - i. A contingency procedure that addresses circumstances when a student seeks to change the makeup of their graduate advisory committee, but a member or advisor is either unable or unwilling to provide the required authorization can be found on the Graduate Education webpage.

*D. Oerther has pointed out the Graduate Education's change to the 2023–2024 Graduate Catalog, with regard to the Master's and Doctoral Degree Plan of Study Sections.*

7. Any other business

*None.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.*