

Graduate Faculty Meeting Minutes

12:00 p.m., March 1, 2023

Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2023, Meeting (as distributed)

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

3. Consent Agenda:
 - D. Oerther has presented the following items and encouraged the graduate council members to share with faculty and staff:
 - a. Nominations for President of the Graduate Faculty
 - b. Nominations for Secretary of the Graduate Faculty
 - c. Nominations for Awards

The elections to the President and Secretary will be held during the next Graduate Faculty meeting in May.

4. Further update on efforts to reconcile the outcome from the Autumn 2022 Graduate Faculty Meeting, which tabled and returned to Council the proposal to Revise Section II.C and IV.A of the Graduate Faculty Rules and Regulations

D. Oerther has presented the status of the Graduate Faculty Rules and Regulations and indicated that the amended version of these rules and regulations will be provided to the graduate council members for the April 2023 meeting for voting by the council members prior to presenting them in the May 2023 graduate faculty meeting.

5. Update on discussion of Graduate Student Bill of Rights

D. Oerther and R. Glaser presented the current status of the student bill of rights and further discussions with deans and students will be held in the upcoming administrative meeting. The bill of rights has not yet been endorsed by all the Deans.

6. Update on the status of the Stipend-X ad hoc committee

D. Oerther pointed out that it is recognized that the graduate student salaries, even reasonable for many graduate students, considering the basic cost of living in Rolla, are not

sufficient to cover the expenses for those students that have families. D. Oerther and R. Glaser suggested subsidizing the health insurance for the domestic graduate students so that they get the same advantage as that of the international students.

7. Graduate Education recommends the following three changes to the 2023-2024 Graduate Catalog:

a. Master's Degrees and Doctoral Degrees Plan of Study Sections:

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.

This item has been tabled for the April, 2023, graduate council meeting.

b. Doctoral Qualifying Examination and Doctoral Comprehensive Examination Sections:

- i. The candidate must be enrolled at the time of the examination. If the examination is administered during the intersession, then an examination- only fee is appropriate by enrolling in one credit hour of Oral Examination, 5040/6040.

S. Corns moved to approve; S. Stanley seconded; approved by unanimous voting of the graduate council members.

c. Doctoral Final Examination, Master's Final Examination, and Master's Comprehensive Examination Sections:

- i. If the examination is administered during the intersession, then an examination-only fee is appropriate by enrolling in one credit hour of Oral Examination, 5040/6040.

S. Corns moved to approve; S. Stanley seconded; approved by unanimous voting of the graduate council members.

8. Graduate Education recommends removing the current 3-year time limit for completion of a Graduate Certificate

Some members felt that that it would reflect poorly on the graduate students if they complete the graduate certificate in more than five years, and it was suggested to change the statement from "3-year time limit" to "6-year time limit".

S. Sedighsarvestani moved to approve; S. Stanley seconded; approved by unanimous voting of the graduate council members.

9. Any other business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.