

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

140 Toomey Hall

12:00pm Wednesday, April 03, 2024

Present: Serhat Hosder, Gayla Olbricht, Irina Ivliyeva, Sarah Stanley, Aditya Kumar, Jee C Wang, Manishi Nath, Magdy Abdelrahman, Chang Soo Kim, Steve Corns, Vahe Permzadian, Cecil Chua, Hyunsoo Kim, Cihan Dagli, Ed Malone, Susan Murray, Manoj Twarakavi

Interim Chair S. Corns called the meeting to order, 12:00 pm

1. Roll call
2. Approval of minutes from March 06, 2024 meeting. Motion to approve as written: second: approved
3. Interim President's Report
 - a. Graduate Faculty Meeting and Awards Ceremony – May 6, 4:00 pm, Hasselmann Alumni House
 - b. Graduate Certificate Approval Process Revisions
 - c. Associate Membership Terms
 - i. According to the Graduate Faculty Rules and Regulations, associate membership is “equal to the normal review period or the length of their stay at S&T, whichever is shorter”. The Graduate Faculty list is managed using PowerBI, with updates conducted on a weekly basis. Since updates are happening more often than in the past, several faculty members have been removed from the associate members list due to interruptions in their appointments.
4. Still accepting nominations for the Standing Committees (deadline April 24th)
5. Grad Track Pathway (GTP) program
 - a. Attachment provided regarding modifying and expanding the current GTP
 - i. Motion 1; Increase maximum number of shared credits allowed at the university-level from 9 to 12 for the GTP program
 - Friendly amendment; Expand the number of shared credits for the MS from 9 to 12
 - Motion not approved by vote
 - ii. Motion 2; Remove cumulative GPA requirement for graduate degree to be awarded
 - Tabled
 - iii. Motion 5; Add track for Ph.D. option
 - Change program GPA to CGPA as with the MS
 - Motion passes with above change by vote
 - iv. Motion 6; Add track for certificate option
 - Tabled
6. Stipend X Recommendation
 - a. Motion to increase by 4%
 - b. Motion approved by vote
7. Announcement of PhD Final Defense Discussion; Tabled due to time
8. Doctoral collaborations with global universities; Tabled due to time

9. New Business; None

Meeting adjourned by Chair Corns, 1:00pm