

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Computer Science Building Room 209 and via Zoom
12:00pm Wednesday, September 03, 2025

Present: Serhat Hosder, CJ Lungstrum, Irina Ivliyeva, Melanie Mormile, Jee-Ching Wang, Sarah Stanley, Haiming Wen, Manashi Nath, Magdy Abdelrahman, Sahra Sedighsarvestani, Satish Puri, Yishu Zhou, Katherine Sharp, Rui Bo, Peggy Lindner, Kyle Perry, Katherine Grote, Wan Yang, Michael Meagher, Vahe Permzadian, Cecil Chua, Frank Liou, Lana Alagha, Baojun Bai, Hyunsoo Kim, Cihan Dagli, Edward Malone, Shari Hill, Lijun Jiang, Jeffery Winiarz, John Harris, Iheanyichukwu Ajoku, David Borrok, Mehdi Ferdowsi, Robin Gore, David Spivey, Debra Bourdeau, Jodi Hasekamp, Alexa Fineran, Jordan Hannah, Sharon Matson, Jade Sinnott, Tina Balch, Fernando Chavez, Autumn Frazier

President L. Jiang called the meeting to order, 12:00 pm

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2025 Meeting - Motion to approve: second: approved.
3. President's Report
 - a. Parliamentary announcement – Nominations and self-nominations are welcome.
 - b. Grad Council members please report to your departments.
 - c. Membership Committee – The current committee has done a great job and may continue to serve barring any objections, in which case nominations will be accepted.
4. Nominations are requested for the Faculty Standing Committee by 09/15/2025. Email sent requesting nominations on 08/27/2025. Please send nominations to the graduate faculty president email account (mstgradfacpres@mst.edu).
 - a. Budgetary Affairs
 - i. One member must be elected by the Graduate Faculty at the December 2025 meeting to serve a two-year term (to replace Dr. Cheng Hsaio Wu who retired in March 2025).
 - ii. Please contact President Jiang with nominations or self-nominations.
5. Provost/Interim Vice Provost of Graduate Education Dr. John Harris
 - a. The number of PhD students is a metric for R1 status, which garnered in January, would be very embarrassing to lose.
 - b. The GFC needs to focus on recruiting PhD students.
 - i. Through networking with existing contacts, especially at non-PhD granting institutions.
 - ii. Collaboration (with 'sister' universities) and online PhD programs are being explored.
 - iii. Several challenges and suggestions were raised by the GFC including those below.

- The current tuition structure, and the need for PIs to cover these and similar costs through their grants pose some significant challenges.
 - a. Provost Harris pointed out that at least partial coverage of tuition is being considered.
- Current graduate students should be better utilized for our recruitment efforts based on their familiarity with their home regions/countries, our university and the visa process.
- The lack of flexibility in the graduate students' pay scale poses a challenge.
- The need for graduate students to cover their own insurance poses a barrier to recruitment.
- The current graduate and undergraduate tuition rates are in the attached addendum.
- Conflicting messages as to whether we need to focus on master's or PhD graduate students poses a challenge.
- c. We need to look for a way to help post-Docs find community.
- d. Discussion was initiated concerning the creation of a Graduate School and recruitment for an associated Dean.

6. Stipend X

- a. A number needs to be proposed by the end of November.
- b. Data will be collected and disseminated to have an informed conversation at the next meeting.

7. Discussion on Graduate Student Recruitment - Ideas for recruitment are requested.

8. New Business – No new business was raised.

Meeting adjourned by President Jiang, 1:00 pm.

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Graduate Tuition Rates Fall 2025 & Spring 2026

Rate Type	Residence Status	Tuition Per Credit Hour Rate	Activity & Facility Fee Per Credit Hour Rate (Caps at 12 hours)	Health Service Fee per Semester	Grad Council Fee per Semester
Rate 1	Missouri	\$584.00	\$41.01	\$217.08	\$4.05
	Nonresident Domestic	\$1,061.00	\$41.01	\$217.08	\$4.05
	Nonresident International	\$1,379.00	\$41.01	\$217.08	\$4.05
Rate 2	Missouri	\$663.00	\$41.01	\$217.08	\$4.05
	Nonresident Domestic	\$1,140.00	\$41.01	\$217.08	\$4.05
	Nonresident International	\$1,458.00	\$41.01	\$217.08	\$4.05
Rate 3	Missouri	\$769.00	\$41.01	\$217.08	\$4.05
	Nonresident Domestic	\$1,246.00	\$41.01	\$217.08	\$4.05
	Nonresident International	\$1,564.00	\$41.01	\$217.08	\$4.05
Rate 4	Missouri	\$796.00	\$41.01	\$217.08	\$4.05
	Nonresident Domestic	\$1,273.00	\$41.01	\$217.08	\$4.05
	Nonresident International	\$1,591.00	\$41.01	\$217.08	\$4.05

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Undergraduate Tuition Rates Fall 2025 & Spring 2026

Rate Type	Residence Status	Hours Enrolled	Type	Tuition		Activity & Facility Fee Per Credit Hour Rate (Caps at 12 hours)	Health Service Fee per Semester
				Per Credit Hour Rate	Plateau Rate		
Freshman Rate	Missouri	Less than 12 or Over 18*	Per Credit Hour	\$597.00	n/a	\$41.01	\$217.08
	Missouri	12-18 Hours	Plateau	n/a	\$7,164.00	\$41.01	\$217.08
	Nonresident	Less than 12 or Over 18*	Per Credit Hour	\$1,396.00	n/a	\$41.01	\$217.08
	Nonresident	12-18 Hours	Plateau	n/a	\$16,752.00	\$41.01	\$217.08
Rate 1	Missouri	Less than 12 or Over 18*	Per Credit Hour	\$597.00	n/a	\$41.01	\$217.08
	Missouri	12-18 Hours	Plateau	n/a	\$7,164.00	\$41.01	\$217.08
	Nonresident	Less than 12 or Over 18*	Per Credit Hour	\$1,396.00	n/a	\$41.01	\$217.08
	Nonresident	12-18 Hours	Plateau	n/a	\$16,752.00	\$41.01	\$217.08
Rate 2	Missouri	Less than 12 or Over 18*	Per Credit Hour	\$689.00	n/a	\$41.01	\$217.08
	Missouri	12-18 Hours	Plateau	n/a	\$8,268.00	\$41.01	\$217.08
	Nonresident	Less than 12 or Over 18*	Per Credit Hour	\$1,488.00	n/a	\$41.01	\$217.08
	Nonresident	12-18 Hours	Plateau	n/a	\$17,856.00	\$41.01	\$217.08
Rate 3	Missouri	Less than 12 or Over 18*	Per Credit Hour	\$781.00	n/a	\$41.01	\$217.08
	Missouri	12-18 Hours	Plateau	n/a	\$9,372.00	\$41.01	\$217.08
	Nonresident	Less than 12 or Over 18*	Per Credit Hour	\$1,580.00	n/a	\$41.01	\$217.08
	Nonresident	12-18 Hours	Plateau	n/a	\$18,960.00	\$41.01	\$217.08